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CHAPTER 329

# PROTOPOROS

IS LIFE.

BIOS

THE NAME OF THE LIFE THAT GIVES BIRTH TO ALL OF EXISTENCE.

GOING STEP BY STEP... NEVER WANTING TOO MUCH...

RECRUITING

MECHANICS, CLEANERS, LABORERS,

FOR THE CASTLE OF SAMARIA!!

ASSEMBLY POINT 7:00

AS MUCH AS 10 BIOS FOR A DAY!!

EVEN SO, I'M USED TO IT NOW.

I CAN'T EVEN HATE MYSELF, WHO CAN ONLY GET USED TO THIS SITUATION.

I AM

DECEIVING MYSELF.

GULP

GOOD JOB!

TODAY'S PAY, 10 BIOS!

EVERYTHING IS MEANINGLESS.

MONEY IS NOTHING MORE THAN ONE ASPECT OF "LIVING".

REMIND YOU OF HOW INSIGNIFICANT YOU ARE WHEN YOU FAIL.

BIG EXPECTATIONS WILL

I ALWAYS CURSE LIKE THAT IN MY HEART.

30Bios

JUST FOR EATING.

1 Bios

WORKING IS ALSO

1 Bios

EATING 3 MEALS WILL COST ALMOST 10 BIOS.

AND ONE MEAL COSTS 3 BIOS.

10...

ONLY 10 BIOS.

WORKING HALF A DAY FOR

IS A LUXURY THAT I CANNOT AFFORD...

THAT APPLE...

1 Bios

!

AH, YES, PLEASE WAIT. I'LL START COUNTING THEM RIGHT NOW.

PLEASE GIVE ME ABOUT 100 APPLES PLEASE.

YOU CAN KEEP THE CHANGE.

NO, IT'S OKAY. I'LL JUST TAKE ONE BOX.

I'LL GIVE YOU 100 BIOS.

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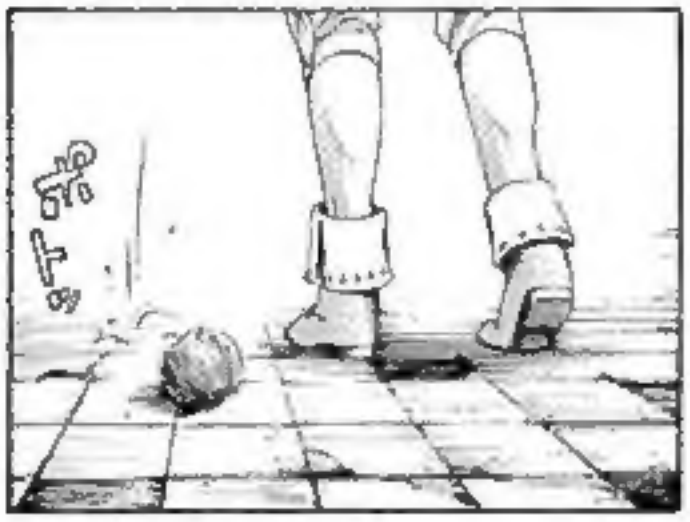


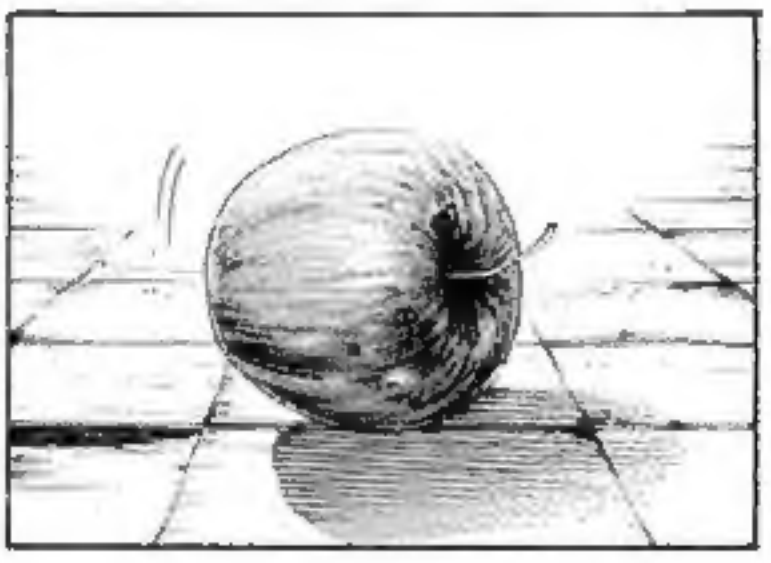
100... BIOS...

YES... GOT A GOOD DEAL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

OH~ A SLAVE?

YOU CAN TAKE IT.



AH.

TSK.

BASTARD ...

WHO DO YOU THINK... WOULD EAT SUCH A...

HM, THINGS ARE SO-SO? WE CAN'T EARN MONEY IF THOSE SLAVES DON'T WORK.

LONG TIME NO SEE, WARRIOR *YOTSU-HIKO!!

OH!

IS YOUR BUSINESS DOING WELL? HOW'S THE CROWD OF "SLAVES" TODAY?

*A REFERENCE TO "YUUSHA YOSHIHIKO".

ANYONE WOULD DO IT.

CHAMP!! SEE YOU TOMORROW!

AH!

SO, YOTSUHIKO, HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO STAY?

PEOPLE WON'T GIVE UP ON THEMSELVES.

NO MATTER HOW INCOMPETENT THEY ARE,

LOVING THEMSELVES THE MOST,

YES... SO I'VE BEEN TOLD TO RUN LOW UNTIL THE SETTLEMENT COMES TO AN END. MY DAD CAN BE SUCH A NUISANCE.

YOU SEE~ I RAN INTO A PORSCHE LAST TIME.

HUH? YOU MEAN THE LATEST MODEL?

SO,

I HAVE TO STAY FOR LONG THIS TIME~

PROTO-POROS.

PROTOPOROS

プロトポロス

MMO RPG,

IN A SERVER TO PLAY TOGETHER IN A VIRTUAL WORLD.

PLAYERS ALL ASSEMBLE TOGETHER

PROTO-POROS

MMO STANDS FOR:

MASSIVELY MULTIPLAYER ONLINE

THIS IS
THE GAME'S WORLD.

THE DEGREE OF FREEDOM, THE SPARTAN-LIKE, REALISTIC INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE PLAYERS MADE IT SO POPULAR, AND THE ADDICTIONS BECAME CRAZY.

AND THEN, THE MMORPG NAMED "PROTOPOROS ONLINE" WAS RELEASED, BECOMING AN INSTANT HIT.

THE GAME SAID TO BE THE "FORERUNNER" OF ALL RPGS.

PROTO-POROS,

IT WAS QUITE FAMOUS AROUND 30 YEARS AGO.

TWITTER,

BLOGS,

FACE-BOOK,

IN A TIME WHERE "ONLINE" RULES EVERY-WHERE,

IN AN ABSURD SCALE, GOING AGAINST THE POPULARITY... ALL PLAYERS HERE ARE HOLDING AN

**"OFFLINE MEETING".**

JUST A FEW SELECT LIST OF FANS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN, A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN ENJOY "PROTOPOROS" FOR REAL.

AND IT IS THIS ISLAND.

IT IS SAID THERE ARE AROUND 1,000 PLAYERS ON IT.

PLAYERS THEMSELVES DO NOT KNOW THE LOCATION OF THIS ISLAND.

I BECAME THE "NO.1 PLAYER".

I HAD MORE "BIOS" THAN ANYONE ON THE SERVER,

AND EVEN BECAME A "KING".

DEVELOPER TEAM? WHAT IS THIS...?

A MAIL?

IT WAS AN INVITATION

SENT TO THE NO.1 PLAYER

TO THAT ISLAND!

AH... CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?

HUH?

KUKU...

HOW STUPID...

AND IT'S CALLED "OFF-PRO".

I ONLY HAVE 10 BIOS...

BUT,

AND IT COSTS 30 BIOS

WE WORKED TOGETHER JUST NOW...

THIS GUY...

THOSE CLOTHES, AREN'T THEY COOL?

LOOK,

30 Bios

75 Bios

50 Bios

HERE, SLAVES ARE...

LITERALLY... "SLAVES".

CLOTHES DON'T MATTER AT ALL, DON'T THEY?

DON'T DO SUCH A MEANINGLESS THING.

MOREOVER THOSE ARE WOMEN'S CLOTHES.

YOU SHOULD ATTEND "THE COURSE ON DAILY LIFE AS A SLAVE".

YOU'RE A NEW GUY, RIGHT? MORE IMPOR-TANTLY,

WON'T YOU BET WITH ME? THE ONE WHO CAN THROW THE COIN CLOSEST TO THE WALL WINS THE BIOS.

A NEW-COMER...? IT REMINDS ME THAT TODAY IS...

A SLAVE ..

I REALLY NEED TO HAVE 20 MORE BIOS.

SO,

CLING

EVERYONE, ARE YOU AWARE OF THE GAME "PROTO-POROS"?

I CAN GET SOME BIOS FROM THE "DEVELOPER TEAM" BY DOING THIS TOO.

I WILL NOW LECTURE YOU ON "LIVING ON THIS ISLAND".

EVERYONE, WELCOME TO "PROTOPOROS"

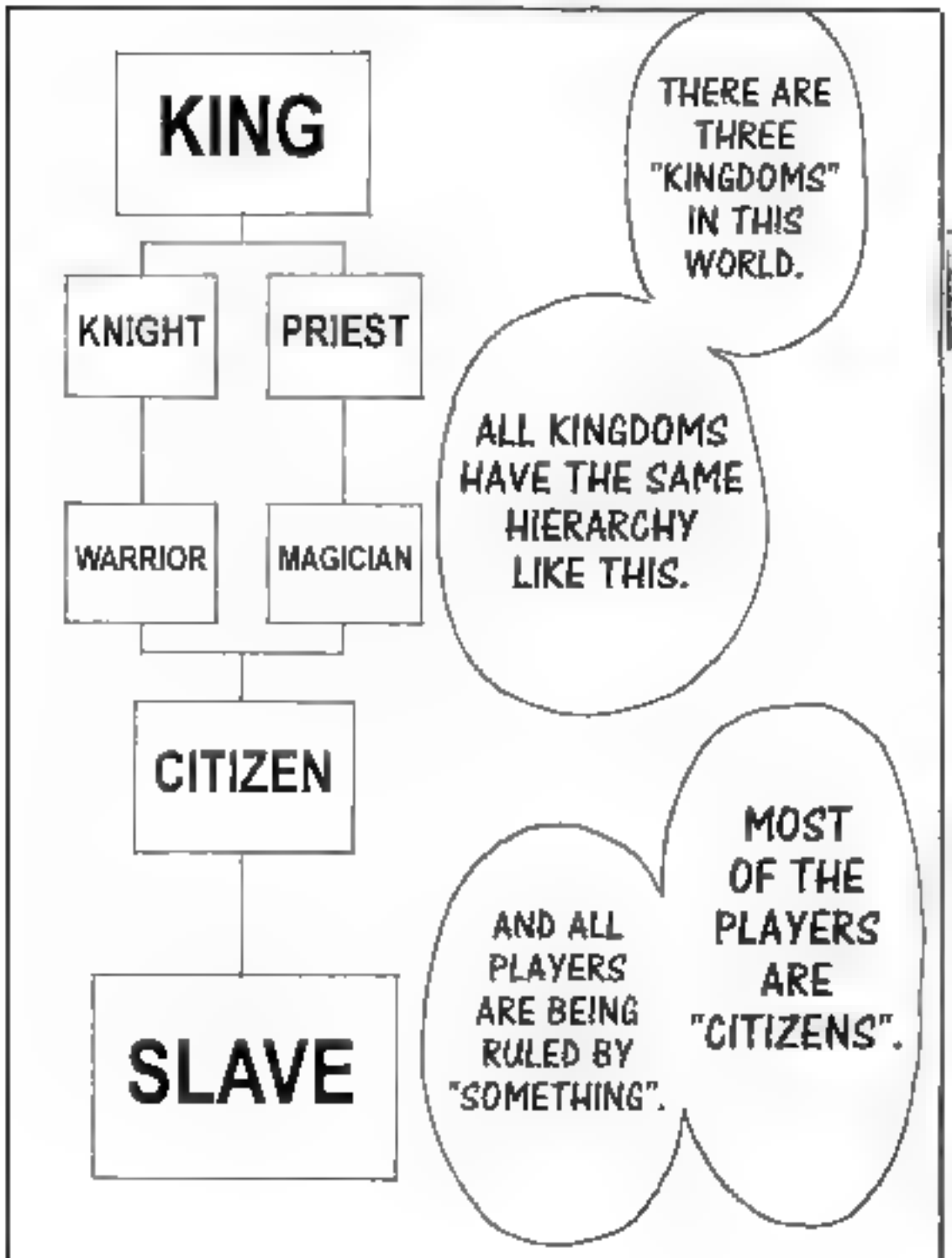
THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE "GAME"...

THEY BEGUN AS SLAVES.

RIGHT... THESE GUYS ARE DIFFERENT FROM ME.

SILENT...

AH...




THERE ARE THREE "KINGDOMS" IN THIS WORLD.

ALL KINGDOMS HAVE THE SAME HIERARCHY LIKE THIS.

MOST OF THE PLAYERS ARE "CITIZENS".

AND ALL PLAYERS ARE BEING RULED BY "SOMETHING".

WHO WERE SOLD HERE AFTER SOMETHING LIKE AMASSING DEBTS..

THEY ARE REAL SLAVES

IN ORDER FOR THE OTHER PLAYERS TO ENJOY THE GAME.

THEY ARE FORCED INTO DOING CHORES.

EVERY-ONE,

POOR, REAL SLAVES...

THE "BATTLE SYSTEM" AND YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION LIKE YOUR "LEVEL", "HP", AND "MP" ARE ALL RECORDED INSIDE.

AND THIS IS IT... THIS IS THE "VEST".

IT MEANS EVERYTHING ON THIS ISLAND.

THOSE THINGS SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED FROM YOU GUYS, AND YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A "VEST" WHEN COMING IN.

BRINGING IN TOOLS, OR WEAPONS FROM THE MODERN TIMES IS FORBIDDEN HERE

AND O ATTACK. WE ARE THE WEAKEST EXISTENCE IN THE GAME.

WE ONLY HAVE 2 HP,

HOWEVER, FOR US SLAVES, FIGHTS OR LEVELS MEAN ALMOST NOTHING TO US.

AFTER SO MANY YEARS,

NO ONE HAS EVER ACCOMPLISHED IT.

NO WAY.

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER HAVING OUR COUNTRY, "TIPA", BE THE ONE TO UNITE ALL 3 KINGDOMS!!

OUR EXISTENCE IS A CRUCIAL ONE!

YET, YOU DON'T NEED TO BE DEPRESSED!

AND THE SOCIAL POSITIONS EARNED IN THE GAME WILL BE LOST

NO ONE ACTUALLY WANTS THE UNIFICATION.

MEANING, ALL THE BIOS,

THE WORLD WILL BE "RESET" ONE WEEK LATER.

IF THE WORLD BECOMES UNITED,

THIS IS WHY NO "PLAYER" WILL ACT CRUEL TOWARDS US!

"PLAYERS" CANNOT ENJOY THE GAME WITHOUT SLAVES!

AND GETTING EVERYONE EXCITED.

IT'S SAID THAT THERE WAS A TIME WHERE ALL PLAYERS ACTED TOGETHER TOWARDS UNIFICATION.

BUT,

PLANNING STRATEGIES,

AND ENJOYING FUN AND STRANGE EXPERIENCES BECAME MORE IMPORTANT THAN UNIFICATION.

INDULGE THEMSELVES IN THIS FAKE WORLD S MYSTERIOUS SENSE OF FEELING OF BEING RELEASED FROM ALL OBLIGATIONS

AS TIME WENT ON, EVERYONE KIND OF STARTED TO

ENJOYING THE MOMENT RATHER THAN COMPLETING THE OBJECTIVE

IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS FREQUENTLY.

WELL, IT HAPPENS FREQUENTLY IN SUCH GAMES WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF FREEDOM.

YOU

WERE MISTAKEN.

WANNA HAVE A DRINK BEFORE?

TIME TO HEAD BACK HOME?

CHIEF,

THERE IS NO PLACE FOR ME IN REALITY.

NOTHING MATTERS ANYMORE.

NO MATTER HOW MANY OBJECTIVES AND GOALS ONE HAS,

IT ALL BECOMES MEANINGLESS BECAUSE OF OTHERS' ILL WILLS.

THIS IS THE "WORLD".

OF COURSE, THIS WORLD EXISTS THANKS TO THE PERFECT "DEVELOPER TEAM".

SHUTTING THEMSELVES OUT FROM THE REAL WORLD.

THERE ARE EVEN SOME WHO HAD BABIES HERE...

INDULGING THEMSELVES IN THIS "SECOND WORLD", DIFFERENT FROM THE REAL ONE.

EVERYONE IS

RIGHT NOW, ONLY A FEW PLAYERS ARE REALLY PLAYING THE "GAME".

THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY REALITY...

A HARSH REALITY

THIS PLACE IS

REALITY IS DIFFERENT FROM A GAME.

ME, THE NO.1 PLAYER OF "ON-PRO".

EVEN THOUGH I STARTED AS A "CITIZEN", I ENDED UP BEING A "SLAVE".

WE'RE ONLY A GROUP OF 3 FOR NOW, BUT THESE ARE GOOD COMRADES. WE'VE BEEN COUNTING ON EACH OTHER SINCE WE CAME ON THE ISLAND.

ONE NEEDS 10,000 BIOS...

IN ORDER TO LEAVE THE ISLAND, ONE HAS TO BE AT LEAST A "CITIZEN". AND, IN ORDER TO BECOME ONE,

OF COURSE!

I WON'T REPEAT THE SAME MISTAKES.

I WILL BUILD TRUSTFUL HUMAN RELATIONS, WHICH I DIDN'T IN "REALITY" AND ON THE "ISLAND"... I'LL MAKE IT...

MONEY, ABILITY,

SOCIAL RELATIONS, EVERYTHING IS "REALITY".

"REALITY" ALWAYS EXISTS WHEN HUMANS ASSEMBLE TOGETHER...

HI.

HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING?

AH,

NO ONE SAW YOU, RIGHT?

"RYUUSEI".

嘘吹い命。

**MUTUAL FUND AID**

IT'S A SYSTEM OF MUTUAL SUPPORT.

GATHERED PEOPLE POOL TOGETHER A FIXED SUM OF MONEY, AND THE ONE WHO GETS SELECTED WILL GET ALL THE MONEY.

TO THE MUTUAL FUND AID? I THINK QUITE A LOT WILL COME, CHAMP-SAN.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO COME?

SELECTION IS MADE BY LOTTERY.

ONLY ONE IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL THE MONEY HIS.

EVERYONE BRINGS 10 BIOS AND

ALL 3 OF US WILL

WAIT AND SEE.

SAVE 30,000 BIOS... AND RISE TO "CITIZEN"... DEFINITELY...

.....

STEP

TODAY, "MINORU" IS IN CHARGE.

THE PERSON WHO WILL HOLD THE LOTTERY IS ALWAYS SELECTED IN ROTATION WITHIN THE PARTICIPANTS.

A MEAGRE... WAY OF LIVING.

CHAMP-SAN, IT'S YOUR TURN TO DRAW THE WINNING LOTTERY TONIGHT.

I'LL GIVE YOU A SIGN TO THE WINNING LOT.

OKAY.

IT'S A STRATEGY THOUGHT UP BY THE 3 OF US, THE POOR SLAVES.

AH, I'LL GO FIRST!

10... 10 PEOPLE...

GOING IN AS 3RD IS BEST.

I WILL LOOK SHADY IF I GET IT RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING

I CAN'T GO FIRST.

IT'LL BE THE END IF SOMEONE GETS IT BEFORE ME...

BUT...

A... A HUNDRED BIOS.. AWESOME...

SO, THERE WILL BE 10 STICKS TONIGHT! THE WINNING ONE IS COLORED RED AT THE TIP!

10 PEOPLE! SO MANY PEOPLE CAME TODAY!

SO, WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST!?

THERE WILL DEFINITELY BE A WINNER OUT OF THE 10!

IT'S A MISS!!

!!

MISS IT...

AH!

OKAY! I'LL DRAW ONE TOO!

NO WAY... THIS IS BAD FOR MY HEART... I HAVE TO GO...

WHO'S NEXT~?

SO, ARE YOU GOING TO BE THE NEXT ONE?

PEEK

YE- YES.

IT'S A MISS!!

SHIT...

I HAVE A... BAD FEELING...

YES...
THAT ONE,
CHAMP-SAN.

IF WE HAD...
THIS 100 BIOS...

ALL
ALONG...

I
KNEW
IT

THAT I
COULD
NEVER
BECOME
A
"CITIZEN".

TOO BAD...
EVERYONE.

.....

IT'S A
LIE...

!!

?

GET OUT
THE WAY!

OKAY,
NEXT!

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IT'S A MISS!
IT'S A MISS AGAIN!

IS NOT THE FIRST TIME FOR ME.
SUCH AN OCCUR-RENCE

OR EVEN FRIENDS.
JUST A TOO GOOD, NAIVE BRAIN WHO THOUGHT I COULD HAVE IT ALL.

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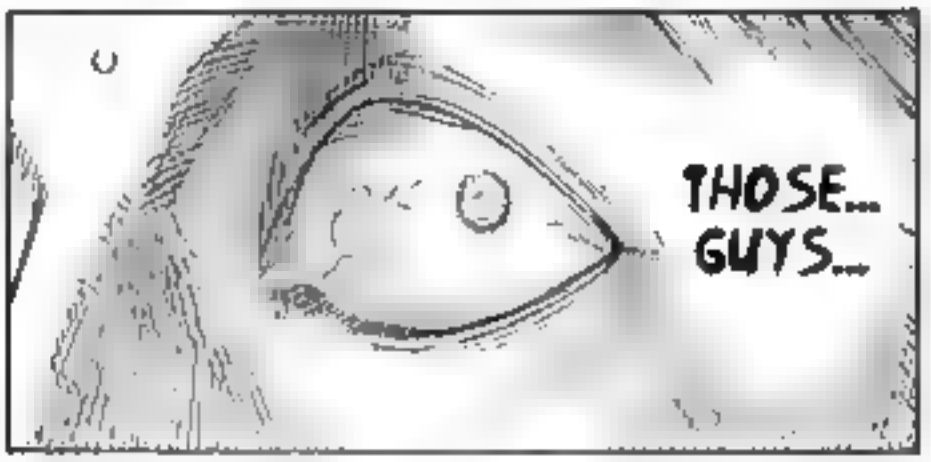
SOME-ONE LIKE ME

!
DOESN'T HAVE MONEY, POWER,

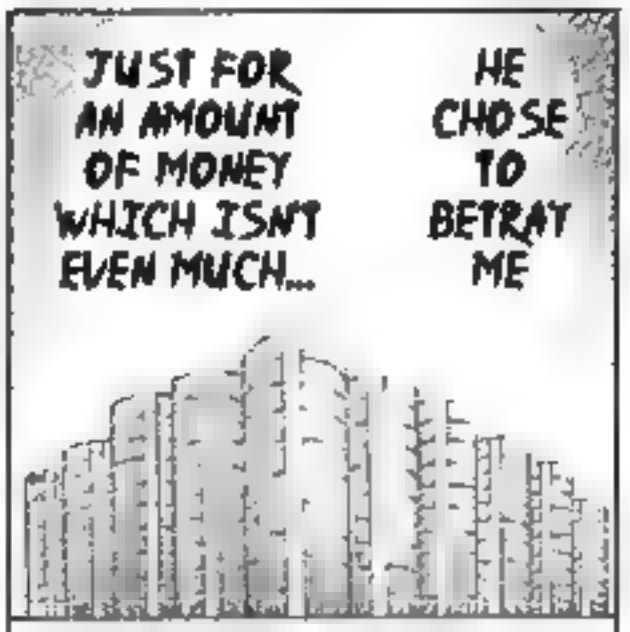
HE BETRAYED ME!?
THAT GUY...


THOSE... GUYS...

FIT FOR IT...
I AM NOT...

AND I'VE BEEN WORKING HARD
FOR MONTHS ...
FOR THAT "NOT-MUCH" MONEY...

FIT FOR "LIVING" .....
SORRY, I AM LATE~


JUST FOR AN AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH ISN'T EVEN MUCH...
HE CHOSE TO BETRAY ME

EVERYONE SHOULD BE HAPPIER IF I ADD MY 10 BIOS TO THE WHOLE POT, RIGHT?

IN THAT CASE, WHAT ABOUT THIS?

IDIOT, DON'T...

!

MOREOVER, HOW ABOUT I DRAW THE LOTTERY WITH ALL THE STICKS ALREADY TAKEN OUT, BACK IN AGAIN?

THA-THAT GUY IS...

!!

THERE ARE ONLY 4 STICKS LEFT.

WHAT? IT'S TOO LATE ALREADY, SORRY.

AH,

SORRY, IT TOOK ME SOME TIME BUYING "CLOTHES".

NO. YOU CAN EVEN MAKE IT 20!

10 STICKS...

THE ONE FROM THE DAYTIME...

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PROTOPOROS.

WHATEVER ENVIRONMENT THE ISLAND COULD BE,

BEFORE I REALIZED THAT FACT, I'D ALWAYS BEEN SEEKING THE OBJECTIVE.....

THIS PLACE IS A HELLISH PRISON.

NO MATTER IF IT'S 10 STICKS

OR 20 STICKS...

OF THE ONE WHO UNITES THE 3 KINGDOMS.

AND GAIN THE TITLE

BECOME A "KING".

I WOULD .....

I CAN'T BE EARNING MONEY STEP BY STEP, YOU SEE...

I...

I...

THAT WAS WHAT I TRULY BELIEVED .....

THE "KAISER".

RIGHT NOW,

NONE OF THE PLAYERS WOULD EVEN DREAM OF THE FACT THAT

A TEMPEST IS BEGINNING TO BLOW VIOLENTLY

ON THIS ISLAND.

BECAUSE I AM A GAMBLER.

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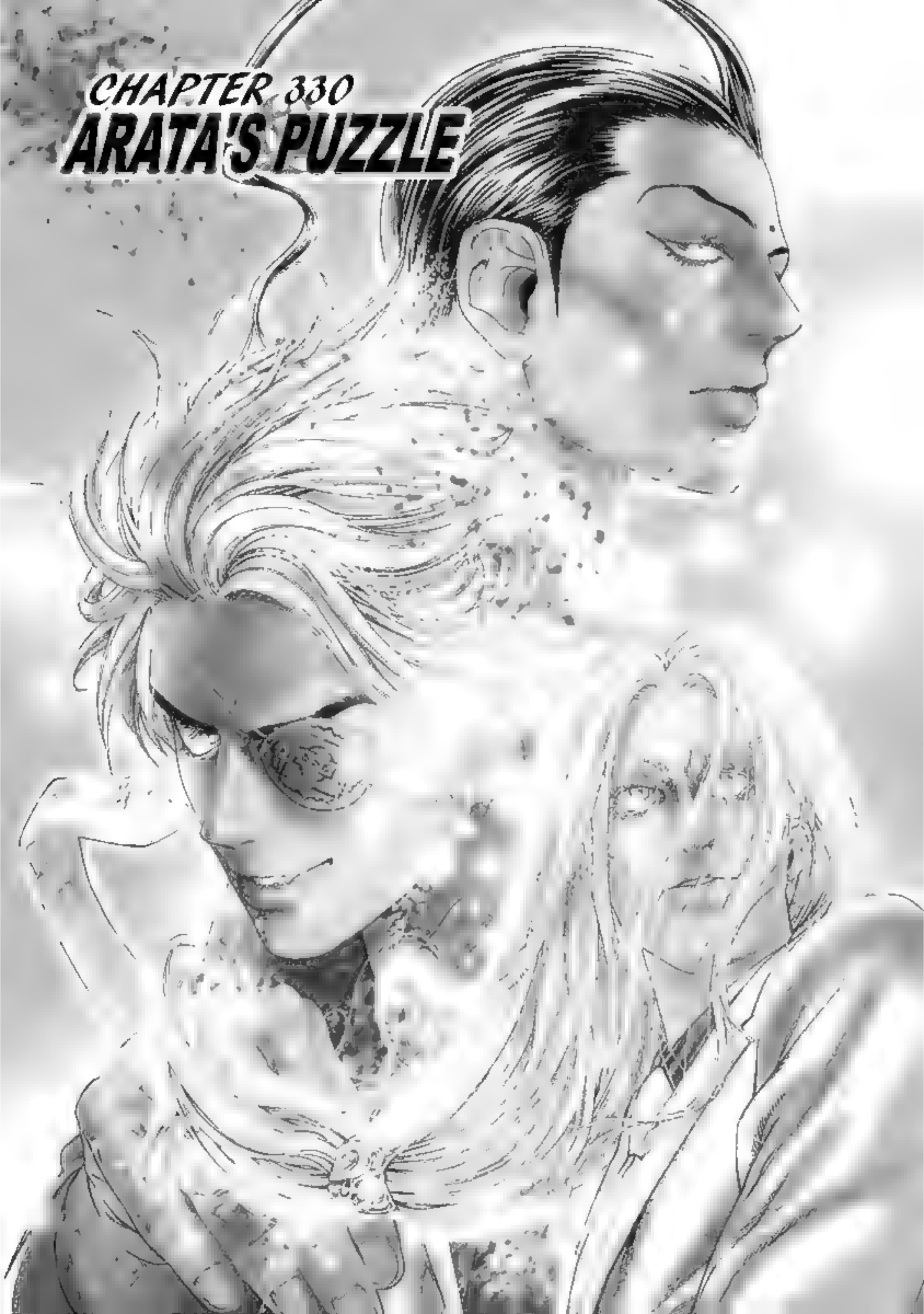
# ARATA'S PUZZLE



CREATING A PUZZLE BY ASSEMBLING THE PIECES IN THE DARK.

A DELUSION IS

THE PARENT BEHIND THE BIRTH OF THE RPG, PROTOPOROS.

HE WAS A TOP GAME DESIGNER AND

THERE WAS AN EXTREMELY QUIET MAN CALLED RICHARD ARATA.

ASSEMBLE A PUZZLE IN THE DARK?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN YOU

AND A MULTI-BILLIONAIRE WHOSE NAME EVEN APPEARED IN THE WORLD'S BIGGEST FORTUNES RANKING.

BUT YOU CAN STILL PUT IT IN IF YOU PUSH STRONGLY.

PRESS

SOMETIMES YOU'LL FEEL STRANGE WHEN PLACING A PIECE WITH A SIMILAR SHAPE,

SOMETIMES, THE PIECE WILL NOT FIT AT ALL.

EVEN IF THE FINAL ART IS COMPLETELY DISTORTED, IT DOESN'T MATTER.

AND BECOME TERRIBLE, BUT THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

TRUTH IS, THE PIECE WILL DISTORT,

IT IS ALRIGHT AS LONG AS YOU THINK "IT'S COMPLETED!", AND FEEL SATISFIED FROM IT, EVEN IF NO ONE ELSE IS AWARE OF IT.

LIGHT WILL NEVER COME IN THE DARK...

THAT IS THE KEY POINT.

HERE IN THE DARKNESS, NOBODY IS WATCHING,

AND,

I PLACED THE PIECE VISUALIZING IT SHOULD BE THERE.

IT IS THE WORLD "LED BY YOU".

THAT'S THE "DELUSION".

OR A COMEDY,

NO MATTER IF THAT PAINTING IS A TRAGEDY,

"IMMERSING YOURSELF" IN THE PAINTING OF THE PUZZLE IN YOUR HEART...

THE ONLY PAINTINGS WORTHY OF BECOMING PRAISED ARE

ONLY THE PUZZLES... OF A FEW GIFTED PEOPLE...

AFTER ALL, MOST OF THEM ARE DISTORTED, AND CAN'T EVEN BE CONSIDERED A PAINTING.

IT IS WAY BETTER TO NOT SPREAD LIGHT ON A DELUSION.

LAUNCHED "PROTOPOROS ONLINE" AND WELCOMED A HUGE SUCCESS...

THEN, HE...

HIS RELATION-SHIPS, EVERYTHING WAS PROBABLY BURIED AWAY BY HIMSELF

HIS HOUSEHOLD BELONGINGS AND

AND THEN... HE DISAPPEARED.

SOLD THE RIGHTS AND THE COMPANY OF THE GAME TO A BIG COMPANY

HE ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT AND

THROUGH HIS GAME...

MADE HIS DELUSION COME TRUE

HE SHOULD HAVE

OVER ONE HUNDRED BILLION YEN..

THE MONEY MADE FROM THIS DEAL WAS

FROM AN IDEA TO

FROM A DELUSION TO AN IDEA,

CREATION.

AN OPPORTUNITY CAME.

IS CREATION.

LIGHT

WHERE DID HE

DIS-APPEAR TO?

I'LL SPREAD LIGHT ON IT.

WHAT IS

THIS ISLAND?

WE CAN ONLY GUESS THAT MUCH.

THE REMAINING SITE OF AN ANCIENT RESORT ISLAND WHICH NEVER COME TO FRUITION.

REPLI CATING THE WORLD OF PROTO-POROS.

A MYSTE-RIOUS ISLAND

TIPA

WHAT WE KNOW RIGHT NOW IS THAT

THE ONE WHO'S

ABLE TO UNITE THOSE THREE KINGDOMS IN WAR.

SHOUDO

AZURA

WILL BE GRANTED THE TITLE OF

KAISER.

I'M A GAMBLER YOU KNOW?

HA HAHA!

SO, MAY I?

LOOK!

A 1/20 PROBABILITY? THAT'S NOTHING. I CAN DO IT! I CAN DO IT!

HEY HEY, YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN PICK THE WINNING LOT OUT OF THOSE 20 LOTTERY STICKS?

HA HAHA!

AREN'T YOU A BIT DELUSIONAL? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

AND IT'S 20 STICKS YOU KNOW..

THE POT WILL ONLY BE BIGGER...

WELL...

LOOKS LIKE THE OTHER 3 HAVE NO ISSUES EITHER.

SEE?

10 BIOS.

I'M ALSO GOING TO PICK ONE RIGHT NOW, YOU SEE.

BUT,

WELL, ALRIGHT.

...HEH.

I WANT THIS TO BE MY TURN NO MATTER WHAT.

WE COULD DECIDE IT BY PLAYING ROCK PAPER SCISSORS,

BUT IT'S A BIT TIRESOME, SO WOULD YOU GIVE ME YOUR TURN FOR THIS?

HERE.

WHA AAAAT?

WHAT?

THIS 1 BIOS... IS ALL I HAVE. PLEASE.

嘘吹い卸。

WHAT AN IDIOT.

BIOS IS NOT THAT EASY TO EARN.

STUPIDER THAN ME...

IT IS THE LOWEST UNIT, YET, IT'S NOT A SUM WE CAN PLAY EASILY IN OUR POSITION.

IF YOU LOSE, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO LIVE FROM TOMORROW ON?

I BIOS...

WELL.

ALRIGHT.

GULP

WHAT'S UP WITH THIS GUY...

DO YOUR BEST! I HOPE YOU CAN WIN!

20 STICKS.

HERE,

...HUMPH.

WELL, YOU'LL NEVER WIN ANYWAY.

HERE, CHOOSE ONE.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? OF COURSE!

WIN ...?

IS THERE... A RED ONE?

PICK UP THE ONE WITH A RED MARK TO WIN!

HUH!?

WHAT!?

WHY!?

HUH?

"SLAM" ...?

HERE.

QUICK.

WHIP

I'VE BEEN FORCED TO DO SO MUCH HARD LABOR SINCE I ARRIVED ON THIS ISLAND

U...

SORRY ...

MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO FOR THE LOTTERY?

AT WORK, YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE PANTING AND PUFFING FOR AIR, AND WERE BASICALLY SITTING THE ENTIRE TIME!

WHAT!?

IT SEEMS LIKE I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO LIVE...

ACTUALLY, I COULD BARELY BREATHE BEFORE...

WHAT?

COULD YOU PLEASE LEAVE IT THERE?

HEY, I'M SORRY, BUT THAT LOTTERY BAG...

AH, YEAH, THE LOTTERY ...

IF YOU'RE GOING TO DRAW IT, ISN'T IT BETTER TO BRING IT NEXT TO YOU?

EH...

RIGHT NOW, I CAN'T EVEN LIFT A FINGER...

MOREOVER, I CAN'T "SWING MY ARM WELL" WITH THIS POSTURE.

.....

YES, YES, THERE IS GOOD.

HUH?

.....

.....

YOU MEAN HERE..?

NO, NOT YOU. YOU SEEM TO

OKAY, I'LL DRAW IT FOR YOU.

AH!!

HUH?

I'LL HAVE SOMEONE ELSE DRAW IT FOR ME.

THE LOTTERY ...

QUICKLY, WE'RE WAITING!

WHAT'S WRONG!?

IT'S NO BIG DEAL, RIGHT?

AFTER ALL, YOU GOT 1 BIOS JUST BY GIVING ME YOUR TURN, EVEN THOUGH TURNS WERE NEVER DECIDED IN THE BEGINNING.

I DON'T WANT TO.

.....

THE GUY I PAID 1 BIOS, TO DRAW IT FOR ME.

WHAT?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

HAVE QUITE THE BAD LUCK, YOU SEE...

UH...

I WANNA ASK THAT GUY,

OK,

I'LL DO IT, I'LL DO IT.

TSK...

WAIT...

AH,

I'LL DRAW IT.

THAT'S ALL I GOTTA DO, RIGHT?

HURRY AND DRAW IT!

WE DON'T CARE, JUST DO IT QUICK!

YOU GOT 1 BIOS FROM HIM!

RYUUSEI,

IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.

JUST DRAW IT FOR HIM.

CAUSE...

DRAW IT WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND, PLEASE.

KU!

RIGHT?

YOU'RE RIGHT-HANDED...

AND AFTER DRAWING IT... THROW THE LOT TO ME...

GOT IT?

THERE'S NO ISSUE AT ALL IF YOU DRAW IT "THE SAME WAY YOU'D DRAW IT ON YOUR TURN"

DRAW IT WITH THE INTENTION TO WIN, YOU KNOW, JUST AS IF YOU WERE DRAWING IT FOR YOURSELF.

NO WAY OUT...

I HAVE NO CHOICE LEFT OTHER THAN...

DRAWING IT...

KU...

TURN

AF-

AFTER ALL..

DO IT NOW, STOP WASTING TIME!

OI!

ONE OF YOU WAS HOLDING A PLANT THAT LOOKED LIKE A POKEWEED.

THIS EVENING,

I SAW YOU 3 TOGETHER, AND...

.....

STEP

THIS FUCKING GUY!

THIS FUCKING GUY...

IS THIS

WHISPER

WHAT?

JUST MY DELUSION?

U...

EVEN THOUGH YOU HAD THE FACE OF SOMEONE GOING IN FOR THE WIN.

AND THEN, YOU DIDN'T DRAW IT,

MINORU

HOLDING THE LOTTERY BAG

RYUUSE.

CHAMP

MISSED

YE-YEAH...

THAT TYPE OF FRUIT RELEASES A RED COLOR WHEN PRESSED... YOU GUYS WERE GOING TO USE IT TO MAKE THE WINNING STICK, RIGHT?

"MINORU" WILL LET HIM KNOW WHICH ONE IS THE WINNING LOT.... "JUST LIKE WHAT HE DID ON MY TURN"...

BUT, HOW?

PROBABLY RYUUSEI.

IN THAT CASE, WHO WILL DRAW THE "WINNING LOT"?

LET'S ASSUME YOU'VE BEEN BETRAYED.

4 STICKS LEFT...

EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE ONLY

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A SITUATION WHERE SOMEONE WOULD DRAW THE WINNING LOT ANY SECOND,

HE HAD NO REACTION AT ALL.

...? ON MY TURN?

AT THAT TIME...

AT...

HE WAS SO RELAXED

WAY TOO RELAXED...

HE...

!!

HE!

THERE'S NO WINNING LOT AT ALL.

AMONG THOSE STICKS...

DON'T TELL ME...

HOWEVER, HE'LL DRAW IT.

IF HE DOESN'T DRAW IT THE WAY HE'D DRAW IN HIS TURN,

I'LL EXPOSE...

SO WHAT!?

SO...

DON'T TELL ME...!! HE PUT THE FRUIT'S JUICE ON HIS FINGER...

HE HAS ALREADY "GIVEN UP".

I'VE LET HIM KNOW THAT...

TINT

THAT DISTORTED

DELUSION OF HIS.

BINGO!

ARE YOU...?

WHO

GET 100 BIOS ALL OF A SUDDEN!?

.....

THIS MAN WHO SUDDENLY SHOWED UP..... HOW?

HOW DID A SLAVE WHO CAME TO THIS ISLAND FOR ONLY ONE DAY...

*BK!

MADARA-ME

*HE SAYS "BK" HERE, NOT "BAKU".

THERE WAS NO WINNING LOT INSIDE THAT BAG...

FROM THE BEGINNING...

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HE'LL SWING HIS HAND AFTER DRAWING IT,

SAYING SOMETHING LIKE "IT SUDDENLY POPPED OUT!" AND WIPING HIS FINGERS

THAT'S HOW HE WAS GOING TO FABRICATE THE WINNING LOT.

TO MAKE THE LOT THAT HE DRAWS

THE WINNING LOT.

THE "TRICK" WAS HIDDEN INSIDE RYUUSEI'S

HE WAS GOING TO USE THE JUICE OF THE FRUIT

RIGHT HAND.

RECEIVE THE BIOS.

RYUUSEI DID NOT USE HIS RIGHT HAND TO

HERE.

THAT'S WHY AT THAT TIME,

REMAINED COMPOSED EVEN THOUGH HALF THE STICKS WERE ALREADY GONE.

AND HE SAW THAT THE LAST GUY, RYUUSEI,

HOLDS THE LOTTERY BAG

MISSED

3 MAN GROUP

COLORED PLANT

MADARAME SAW US HANGING AROUND TOGETHER.

THAT'S WHY I WAS ABLE TO DEDUCE THAT MUCH.

IS BECAUSE I WAS A PART OF THE GROUP.

NO... IT'S SOMETHING ELSE.

THE REASON THAT I CAN FIGURE OUT THIS MUCH,

ALSO... IT LOOKED LIKE THERE WAS SOMETHING IN HIS RIGHT HAND...

BUT THAT GUY...

HUH...? THAT'S IT...? THAT'S ALL?

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THREATENED ME.

HE

THAT FUCKING GUY~

THAT FUCKING GUY~

HE DARED...

TO THREATEN ME!

IF I DIDN'T DRAW THE WINNING LOT,

DRAW IT WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND PLEASE.

HE THREATENED ME SILENTLY.

HE'D EXPOSE EVERYTHING.

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IT'S ABOUT THE MUTUAL FUND AID.

CHAMP-SAN, I'VE BEEN THINKING.

RYUUSEI.

.....

YOUR STRATEGY THAT WE USE EVERY TIME ONE OF US IS IN CHARGE OF THE LOTTERY,

I FEEL

YES?

YOU REAPED WHAT YOU SOWED...

WE CAN'T EARN BIDS UNLESS WE HAVE A METHOD WHERE WE CAN HAVE MORE DEFINITE WINS.

HOW SHOULD I SAY IT?

YOU SEE, THE WINNING LOT WAS TAKEN BY THE OTHER GUY LAST TIME.

I FEEL IT'S KINDA LACKING IN CERTAINTY...

OTHERWISE ONE DAY WE WON'T BE SATISFIED UNLESS WE KEEP WINNING.

WE HAVE TO GIVE SOME CHANCE TO THE OTHERS.

THE STRATEGY WE'RE USING IS ALREADY "UNFAIR" TO OTHERS

IT'S NO GOOD, RYUUSEI.

HE DARED... TO SCOLD ME...

UNDER-STOOD, RYUUSEI?

.....

WE HAVE TO STOP AT THIS LITTLE "CUNNING".

OKAY.

THIS GUY...

AND START DOUBTING US TOO.

AND THEN THEY'LL REALIZE IT.

I WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP, BUT HE...

WE CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT HELPING EACH OTHER.

WE SLAVES ARE A COMMUNITY.

WHAT WILL YOU DO IF WE GET CAUGHT?

IF WE BECOME SHUNNED,

THAT WILL BE THE END OF US, YOU KNOW?

RYUUSEI,

THAT FACE...?

.....

!

WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN HELPING YOU...

HOW COULD YOU... LOOK AT ME WITH THAT FACE...

I WARNED YOU... YET, YOU STILL BETRAYED ME.

TSK!

.....

TURN

YOU!

WAS IT ON PURPOSE?

?

ON PURPOSE?

AH!

WHERE'S THE BAG?

I MEANT YOU "FALLING DOWN" BEFORE... AT THAT TIME, I THOUGHT IT WAS REAL...

THE FRUIT!!

I WAS PLANNING TO DRAW IT BY MYSELF.

ACTUALLY,

NO.

!?

SO I WAS THINKING THAT FOR ME TO DO SUCH A TRICK FULL OF "FLAWS" WAS A BIT, YOU KNOW... THAT'S ONE OF THE FACTS.

AND THEN,

ME BEING EXHAUSTED FROM WORK IS ALSO ONE OF THE FACTS...

A BIT OF THE COLOR WOULD STAIN SOME OF THE OTHER STICKS.

AND, THE STICKS ARE WHITE,

IF THERE'S SOMEONE WHO CHECKS THE STICKS CAREFULLY, THAT UNNATURAL POINT WILL BE FATAL.

I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I SAW THAT LOTTERY BAG.

BUT,

SO IT WOULD BE A BIT WET.

BECAUSE, IN SUCH A TRICK, THE "WINNING LOT" I'D MAKE, THE PAINT ON IT "WOULD BE APPLIED AT THE MOMENT OF DRAWING"

AND IF YOU PUT THE STICKS BACK INTO THAT TIGHT BAG,

ALSO, IT SEEMS

THAT YOU HAVING BEEN BETRAYED IS ONE OF THE FACTS TOO~

WELL, IF YOU WANT IT SO MUCH, IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S NO WAY

.....

REALLY?

WELL, AT LEAST NOT IN THE AREAS I HAVE BEEN TO.

FOR REAL ...?

THERE IS NO HOPE.

THAT'S ALSO A FACT...

AH, BY THE WAY,

.....

PLUMS? YOU MEAN THE FRUIT?

WHAT?

DO YOU HAVE ANY PLUMS?

YES! PLUMS!

HEY,

THERE'S NO ONE WHO SELLS PLUMS... NOR ARE THERE ANY PLUM TREES.

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY.

EVEN BETTER IF YOU HAVE "KARI-UME"!

!!

YOU CAN JUST WIN AND LEAVE LIKE THAT, RIGHT?

THAT'S TOO SELFISH.

YOU DON'T THINK...

LET'S KEEP ON PLAYING.

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME TONIGHT.

WHA!?

I'M NOT TALKING TO YOU!

YOU'RE JUST A

WHAT'S UP WITH "CHAMP" ANYWAY!?

SHUT UP!

THIS IS JUST A MUTUAL FUND AID, DON'T TALK OF IT AS A GAMBLE.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, RYUUSEI?

MADARAME JUST GOT MONEY FROM THE LOTTERY, NOTHING MORE THAN...

DISIL-LUSIONED INTERNET CRIPPLE!

...

ARE YOU SURE?

IN THIS "PROTO-POROS",

YOU'RE GOING TO COMMIT VIOLENCE?

OH?

YOU!!

Y-

I HEARD THAT YOU

HAD BEEN SHOWING OFF WHEN YOU FIRST CAME TO THIS ISLAND.

AND THEN YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE "BANNED".

KU...

"REAL VIOLENCE" IS FORBIDDEN.

IT MIGHT BE OKAY IF NO ONE'S WATCHING,

BUT LOOK AT ALL THESE WITNESSES HERE.

YOU'LL BE "REPORTED" TO THE "DEVELOPERS".

AND?

AND YET YOU BECAME A "SLAVE"?

AND SAYING THAT YOU WERE ENTRUSTED TO UNITE THIS ISLAND BY THE "OPERATORS"

SAYING YOU WERE THE NO.1 PLAYER OF "ON PRO".

SAYING THAT YOU ARE THE ONE WHO WAS INVITED BY THE "DEVELOPERS" AS A CITIZEN FOR "FREE", WHILE ALL OTHER PLAYERS HAD TO PAY QUITE A SUM.

A CRIPPLE WHO ENDED UP DROPPING OUT OF THE REAL WORLD.

INTOXI-CATED BY THE GAME,

A CRIPPLE.

IN THE END, YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN

SCREW YOUR "NO.1 PLAYER"!

ARE YOU GONNA RUN AWAY?

SO, WHAT WILL YOU DO!?

THIS GUY GOT 100 BIOS FROM US!

RAISE YOUR VOICE EVERY-ONE!

WE ARE IN

IS NOT A "PC GAME"!!

THIS ISLAND

WE'RE IN THE REAL WORLD!

REAL-ITY!

YEAH, PLAY WITH US!

THAT'S RIGHT, LET'S PLAY!

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HE EARNED 100 BIOS.

THAT'S RIGHT.

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HE SHOULD CONTINUE.

THIS IS MY KIND OF ATMOS-PHERE.

GOOD... THIS IS GOOD.

OH?

LET'S PLAY JUST A BIT!

LET'S PLAY A GAME!

CHAMP

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!

RAVOLTA

HUH!? ARE... ARE YOU THE FAMOUS "CHAMP"?

CHAMP

WELL... YEAH

TRAVOLTA

A... AWESOME...

WELL, THAT WAS...

AH...

A LONG TIME AGO, I DIED IN THE "LABYRINTH OF ABENOMI" AND ENDED UP BECOMING A GHOST.

I DON'T KNOW HOW I WOULD'VE ENDED UP WITHOUT YOU.

AND THEN, YOU RESURRECTED ME WHEN YOU PASSED BY

AH,

YEAH...

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, CHAMP-SAN?

YOU'RE NOT A CRIPPLE AT ALL!

TRA-VOLTA ...?

?

IT'S ME! "TRAVOLTA"!

TH THANKS

IT'S ME!

DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

I'M "TRA-VOLTA"!

I THINK IT WON'T BE EASY TO "TRICK" THEM LIKE BEFORE.

IT'S NOT LIKE IN THE MUTUAL FUND AID, WHERE EVERYONE WAS NOT CAUTIOUS.

.....

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, RYUUSEI?

ISN'T IT BAD TO PLAY A GAME WE PROPOSE, AFTER WHAT HAPPENED?

DONT YOU SCOLD ME.

THIS IS... THE CIRCUMS-TANCES... I WAS JUST PUSHED BY THE CIRCUMS-TANCES...

SHU...

SHUT UP!

AM I THE ONLY ONE...

HE'S JOKING AT ALL...?

WHO DOESN'T THINK

OF COURSE! LET'S GO!

EVERYONE, ARE YOU REALLY SERIOUS NOW?

THEY TOOK THE BAIT HUH...

I CAN BE DEAD SERIOUS INTO MAKING YOU GUYS FLAT BROKE.

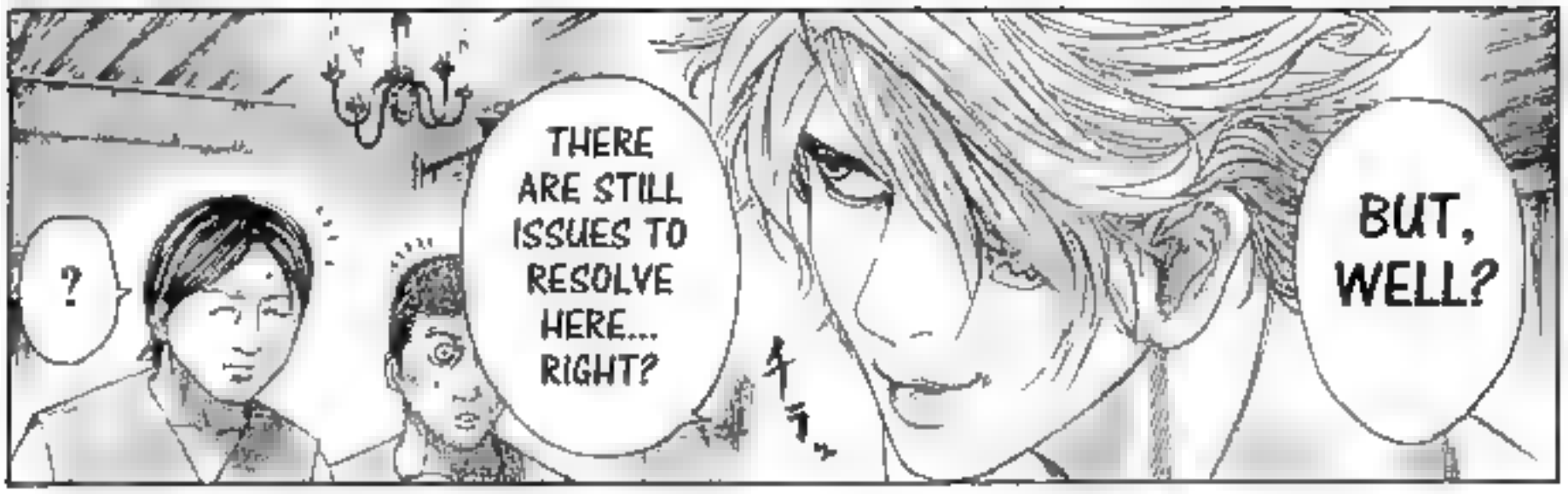
IN THAT CASE,

GREAT.

I'M NOT GOING TO PLAY AROUND AT ALL.

BIOS IS LIFE!

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU NEED TO GIVE 100% INTO IT!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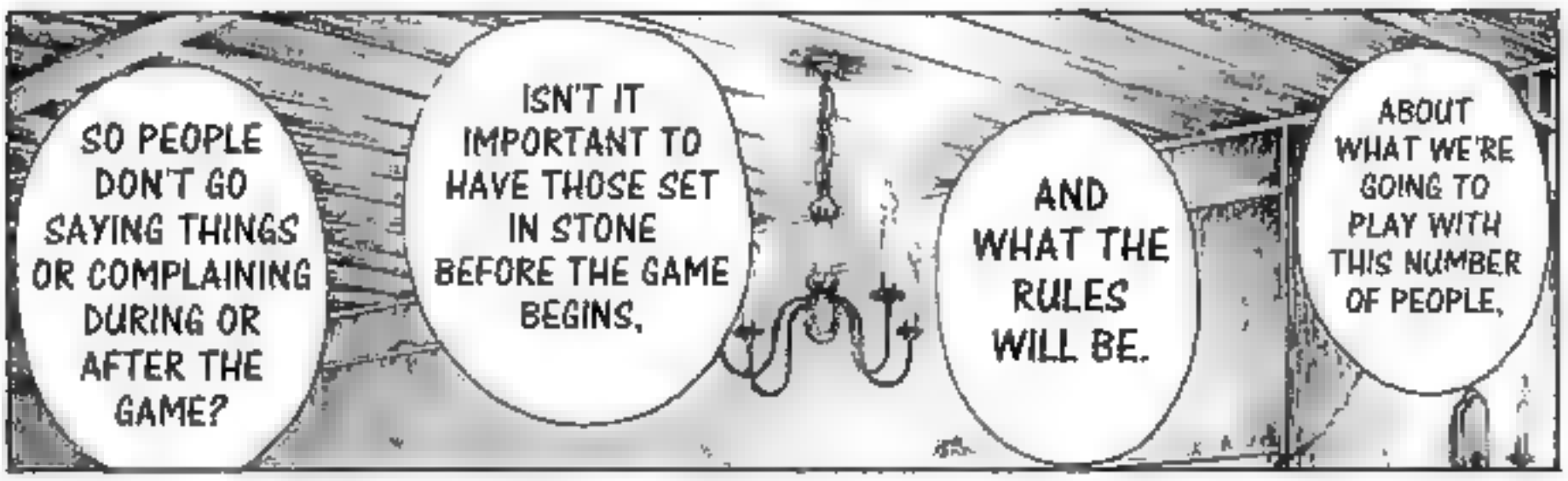
THERE ARE STILL ISSUES TO RESOLVE HERE... RIGHT?
BUT, WELL?


SO PEOPLE DON'T GO SAYING THINGS OR COMPLAINING DURING OR AFTER THE GAME?
ISN'T IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE THOSE SET IN STONE BEFORE THE GAME BEGINS.
AND WHAT THE RULES WILL BE.
ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO PLAY WITH THIS NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

WE MAY BE
SLAVES THAT CAN'T LEAVE THE ISLAND, BUT WE ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THIS "OFF-PRO".

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO FIND SUCH A PERSON?
IT WOULD BE QUITE HELPFUL IF SUCH A PERSON EXISTED, RIGHT?
THERE IS ONE HERE,
WELL~
PROBA-BLY?
SHOULD BE ARRIVING SOON... JUST WAIT A BIT, OKAY?

"A THIRD PARTY THAT WILL PRESIDE OVER EVERYTHING".
I...

REGARDLESS IF WE'RE DOING THOSE THINGS BY CHOICE OR ARE BEING FORCED TO,

CUT OFF FROM THE REAL WORLD, ENJOYING THE GAME ON THIS ISLAND,

ALL MEMBERS ON THIS ISLAND WERE THE SAME AS EACH OTHER, "PLAYERS". THAT'S WHAT WE BELIEVED.

SUFFERING IN REALITY,

EARNING MONEY,

A THOUGHT BECAME A BELIEF.

RIGHT NOW,

WE ALL

REA-LIZED.

.....

.....

AN EERINESS

HAS COME.

HUH?

THERE IS SOME-THING

DIFFERENT FROM

ALL OF US ON THIS ISLAND.

GENTLE-MEN!!

HUMPH!

I'M REFEREE NO.5,

IKON JYUUZOU!

ARE YOU READY FOR WAR?

IN THE OTHER KINGDOMS

SLAVE DORMI-TORIES.

ON OUR ISLAND, WHICH HAD BEEN, IN A SENSE, PEACEFUL UNTIL NOW.

SOMETHING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN

AND THAT DAY

SUCH EVENTS ALSO HAPPENED

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BEFORE
DAWN

DROP

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POST

CHAPTER 332

# ENCIRCLEMENT OF THE 4 GODS

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OPEN

REFEREE IKON.

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GUYS!

HOW'S THE SITU-ATION!?

BA

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WHAT A RIOT!

BA HA HA HA!

NO ONE'S HERE!?

WHAT?

THE OTHERS ARE EXPLORING THE ISLAND SEPARATELY... OVER.

DISTRIBUTING THE POSTERS OF THE 卍(BAN).

I SAW HOW YOU ENTERED THE 卍(BAN)... HEROIC AS USUAL. HOW IMPRESSIVE.

OH?

RADIO BAND: UHF 20

YES. OVER.

BEEP

BEEP

PUT ON

WHERE'S MIDARA, THE INITIATOR OF THIS MATCH!?

REFEREE MIDARA IS BUSY GOING THROUGH THE FORMALITIES FOR THE OFFICIAL ENTRY OF THE REFEREES AND THE PLAYERS. HE'LL ENTER THE 卍(BAN) AFTER FINISHING IT

THAT HYPOCRITICAL WAY OF TALKING, YOU MUST BE REFEREE AMEN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!

WHO ARE YOU!?

REFEREE IKON, PLEASE LOWER YOUR VOICE.

ALTHOUGH IT'S BASED ON A VIDEO GAME, WAR IS HUMAN NATURE!! HUMANS LIVE ON BY FIGHTING EACH OTHER!

I NEVER THOUGHT THERE EXISTED SUCH A PLACE... IS HE A GAMER?

HE POSTED THE 卍(BAN) IN AN AMAZING PLACE!!

A BATTLEFIELD CENTERED ON SCRAMBLING THE HEGEMONY BETWEEN 3 KINGDOMS!!

I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL HIM!!

THE 3 KINGDOMS HAVE BEEN KEEPING A GOOD BALANCE,

EVERYONE HAS FORGOTTEN THE GOAL OF THE GAME, INSTEAD THEY'RE KEEPING THEIR POSITIONS AND ENJOYING THE LIFE ON THIS ISLAND SO THEY CAN ESCAPE FROM THE REALITY

ALTHOUGH IT'S A RIDICULOUS WORLD, IT'S VERY REAL TO SOME DEGREE.

I SEE, SO HE'S A GAMER, HUH.. BAHAHA!

UNFORTUNATELY, IT SEEMS LIKE THIS ISLAND...

IS NOT LIKE THE WORLD YOU IMAGINE, REFEREE IKON.

REFEREE IKON, GLAD TO HEAR YOU HAVING HIGH ENERGY BUT PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING THINGS.

IS MIDARA A GAMER!?

THE NUMBER OF REFEREES IN THE 卍(BAN) IS LIMITED.

IS HE A GAMER?

THERE WON'T BE ANY REINFORCEMENTS, SO BE CAREFUL...

LIKE A MOCK COLOSSEUM OR BROTHELS.

SEEMS LIKE THERE ARE SEVERAL FACILITIES ON THIS ISLAND.

I'LL NOW EXPLAIN THE THINGS WE'VE LEARNED TO YOU.

HEY, AMEN!!

WE'LL KEEP EXPLORING THIS ISLAND

I SUPPOSE IT'S A NEUTRAL AREA, YOU CAN THINK OF IT AS AN "ENTERTAINMENT VENUE".

THEY ARE LOCATED AT A PLACE NEAR THE BORDERLANDS.

ANYWAY, COULD YOU PUT THAT "VEST" ON, REFEREE IKON?

WE HAVE TO CONSIDER WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WE SHOULD KEEP WITH THE "DEVELOPERS"

IT'S YOUR IMAGIN ATION.

WHAT IS.. THIS FEELING?

BECAUSE THE SYSTEM IS KIND OF COMPLI- CATED, I'LL EXPLAIN LATER.

?

AH!! THE "VEST"!

WHAT

IS THIS TANK TOP?

EVERY REFEREE HAS ONE OF IT.

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IT'S AN ITEM FOR THE "DEVELOPERS" USED TO MANAGE THE INFORMATION AND THE LOCATION OF EACH PLAYER

THERE HAS TO BE ONE REFEREE FOR EACH PLAYER. WHICH ONE DO YOU PREFER AMONG THOSE 3?

AFTER A FEW HOURS, MADARAME BAKU AND HIS ALLY, AND VINCENT LALO WILL ENTER THE 卍(BAN).

YOU'RE NOT SUITED FOR EXPLORING THE ISLAND, SO PLEASE CHOOSE A "PLAYER" AND STAY BY HIS SIDE.

I ONLY KNOW THAT HIS NAME IS "HAL".

I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS.

USOGUI ...

THE IDENTITY OF MADARAME BAKU'S ALLY IS CURRENTLY UNKNOWN.

AMEN! WHO'S USOGUI'S ALLY!?

ALTHOUGH I SAID OTHERWISE BEFORE,

IT WILL CHANGE FROM NOW ON,

THERE WILL BE CHAOS AMIDST THE 3 KINGDOMS.

REFEREE IKON.

HA

HA

HA

HA

.....

I CHOOSE MADARA-ME BAKU!!

THERE ARE FIGHTS WHEREVER HE GOES!

IT'LL NEVER BE BORING! BAHAHAHA!

AND, WHEN IT REACHES THE LIMIT... THAT'S THE MOMENT WHEN...

A "KING" IS BORN AMONG THE SLAVES.

NOW, SLAVES!

A TEMPEST WILL COME.

LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!!

ARE THE SLAVES OF THIS ISLAND.

THEY

BA HA HA!

YOU WANNA PLAY "RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT"?

WHY ARE YOU ALL STANDING STILL!

WHAT'S WRONG!? HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO KEEP SILENT!?

IS THE TALENT OF BEING A SLAVE..

THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN THEM..

OR ENTERED THIS ISLAND AS A SLAVE.

THEY EITHER BECAME A SLAVE ON THIS ISLAND.

REFEREE... MAY I SAY SOMETHING?

BY THE WAY, THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF YOU...

UNTIL YOU GET THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF YOUR QUES-TIONS!?

ARE YOU GUYS PLANNING TO STAND STILL FOREVER

THIS IS BAD!

REFEREE...? WHAT? WHO IS THIS GUY?

BEING TRAPPED INSIDE THE SAME THOUGHTS

GOING WITH THE FLOW..

FINDING A WAY OUT OF AN OBSTACLE

IS PROBABLY TOO DIFFICULT FOR THEM.

I HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO "PROVE MY WORDS"...

BUT,

EXCEPT BY HOLDING A "MATCH".

THEY ARE INFLUENCED BY THOSE WHO ARE HESITATING AND DECIDE TO GIVE UP.

EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THEM ARE ATTRACTED

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO PLAY, FORGET IT.

YOU CAN MAKE A DECISION AFTER LISTENING TO THE RULES, RIGHT?

SEE?

WHEN FACING THE "EERINESS" IN FRONT OF THEM.

BUT,

AND,

THEY ARE CALLED "REFEREES".

WELL~ THIS PERSON IS ONE OF THE STAFF MEMBERS OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT PRESIDES OVER THE GAMBLING MATCHES OF THEIR MEMBERS.

I'M A "MEMBER" OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

HE'S A PERSON THAT STANDS ON A NEUTRAL POSITION... A "REFEREE".

THIS "REFEREE" IS NOT STANDING ON MY SIDE...

IF YOU WIN...

SEE?

IS PROVIDED FOR FREE.

THE DORMI-TORY

THE COST IS ALMOST EQUAL TO THE WAGE.

IF YOU EAT 3 PROPER MEALS,

3 BIOS

10 BIOS A DAY.

ɔo ɔo..

THE WAGE IS

OF ALL THE SLAVES HERE, CAN HEAR...

AND HEARING,

BIOS

THE FRANK SENSES

OF TASTE, SMELL,

HAVING BEEN PROVOKED,

AROUSED, AND DUG UP,

GULP

TWITCH

THE SOUND OF AGREE-MENT.

THE SOUND THAT MAKES THEM "FORGET ALL THEIR FEARS"..

OF COURSE!

ABOUT THE GAME WE'RE GOING TO PLAY?

SINCE THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE... I HAVE GOT A SPECIAL GAME.

BA HA HA!

YEAH...

RIGHT

WE CAN HEAR ABOUT THE RULES FIRST...

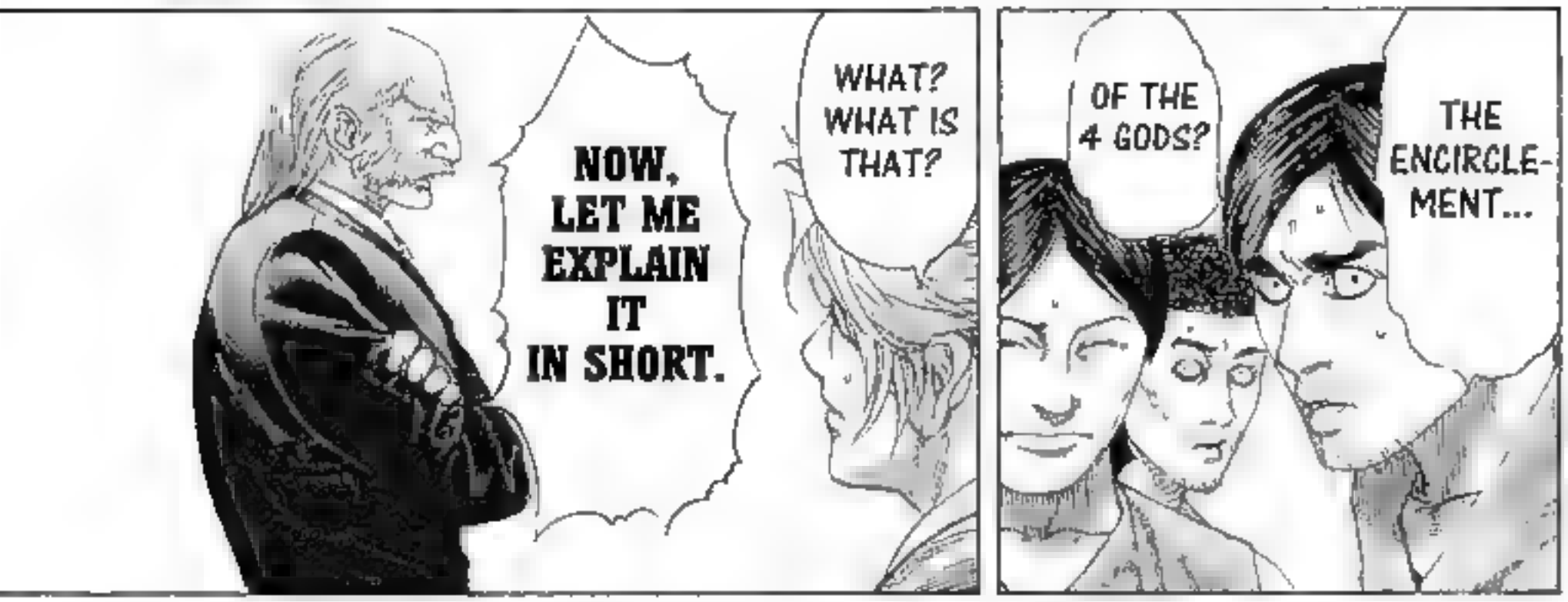
DID YOU PREPARE ANY-THING?

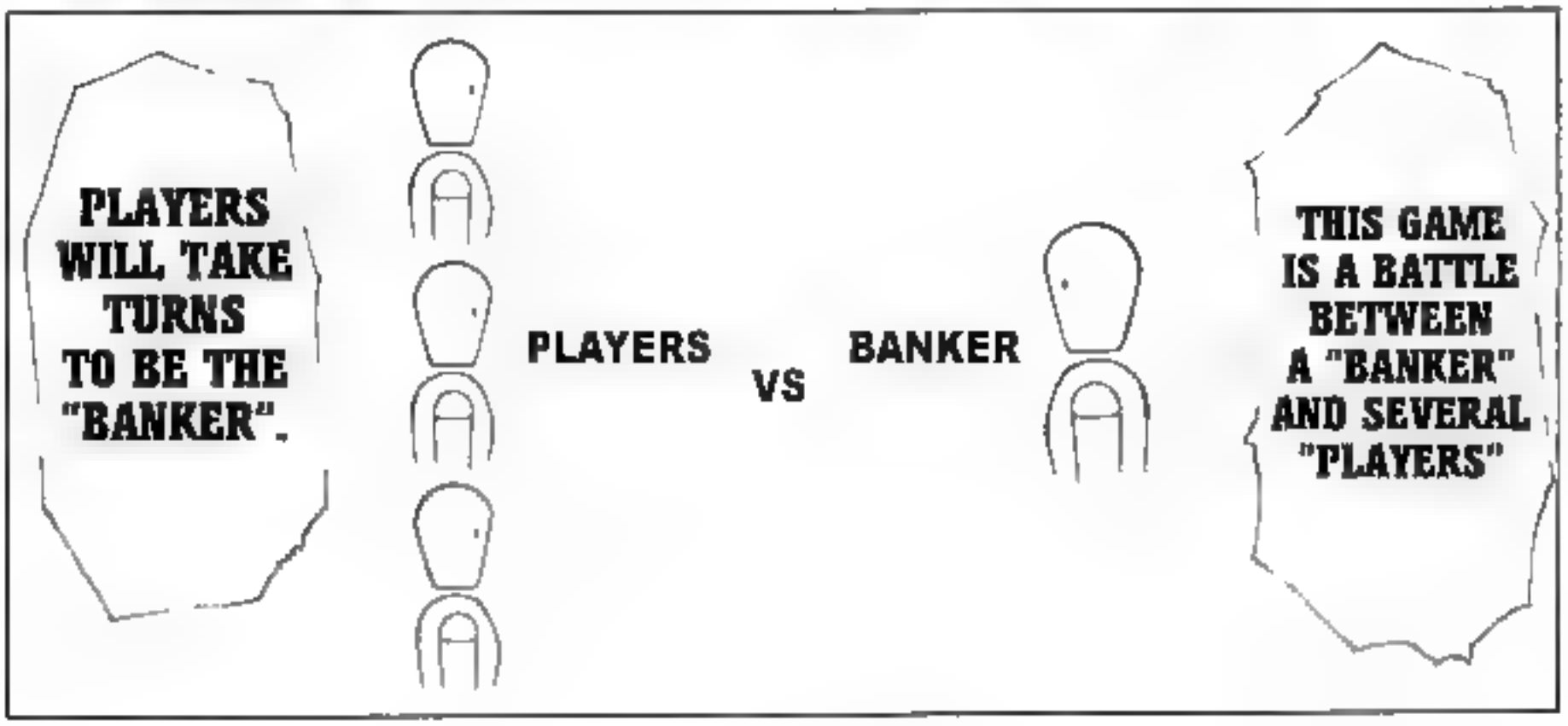
HEY,

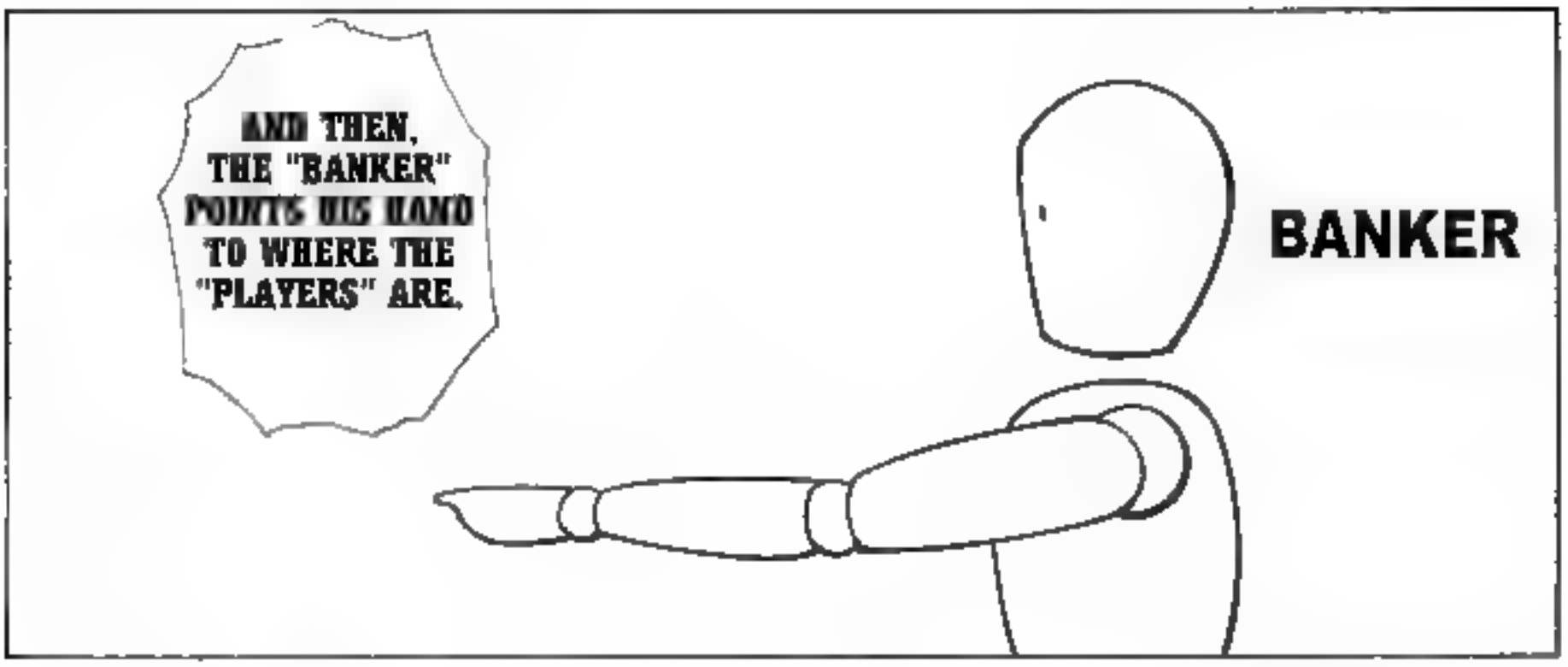
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! BUT WHY DID YOU GUYS SUDDENLY CHANGE YOUR MIND?

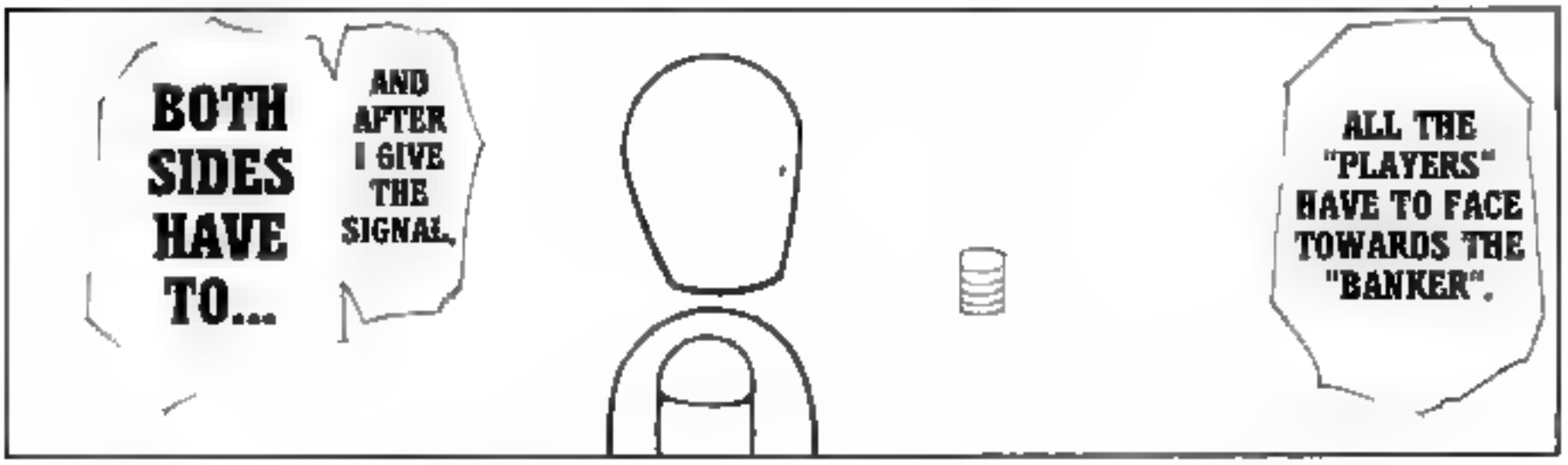
"THE ENCIRCLE-MENT OF THE 4 GODS"!!

IT'S A PERFECT GAME FOR THE FIRST MATCH IN THIS 卍(BAN), WHERE PEOPLE ENTER IT FROM SEVERAL DIRECTIONS!

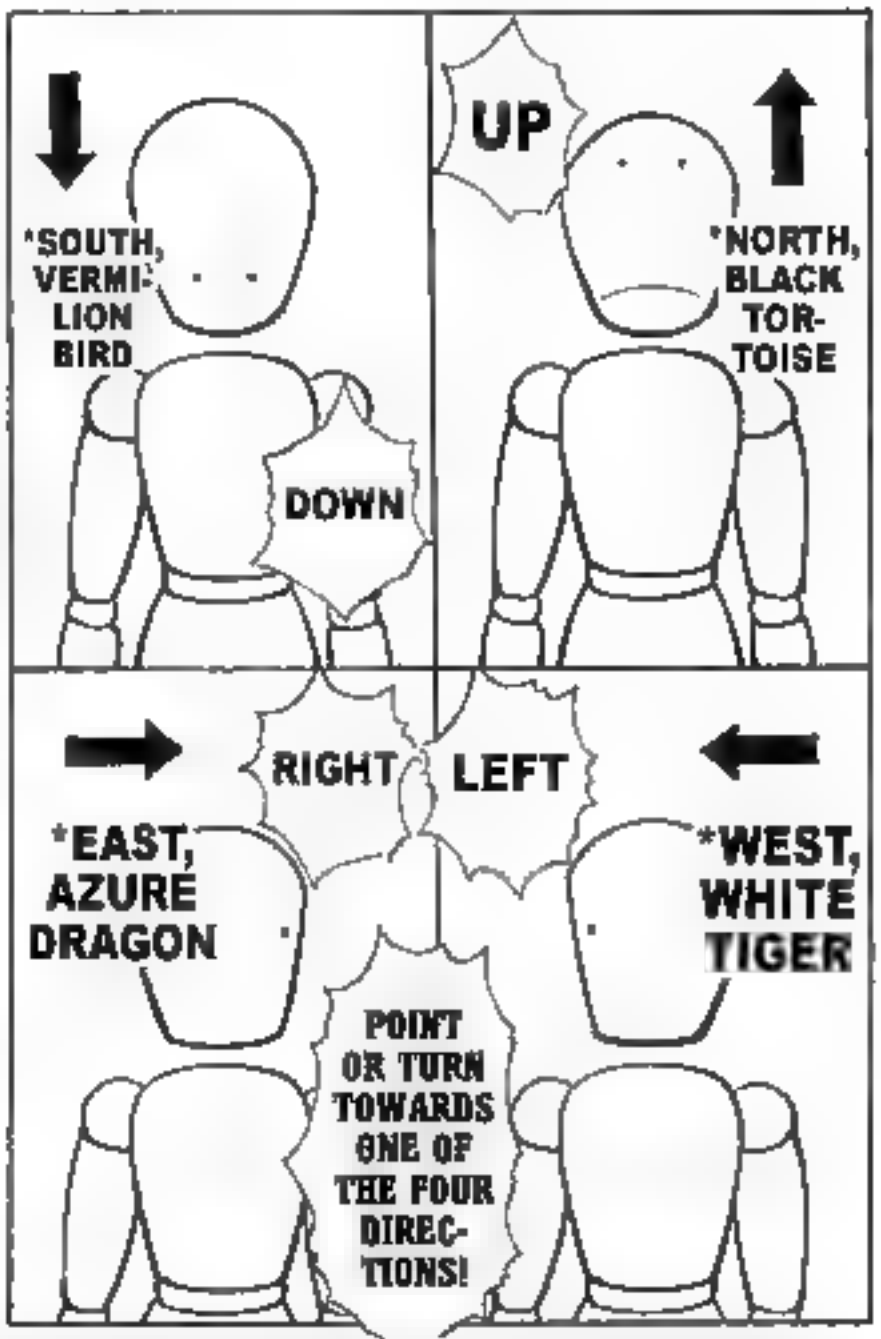

NOW, LET ME EXPLAIN IT IN SHORT.
WHAT? WHAT IS THAT?
OF THE 4 GODS?
THE ENCIRCLE-MENT...


PLAYERS WILL TAKE TURNS TO BE THE "BANKER".
PLAYERS
VS
BANKER
THIS GAME IS A BATTLE BETWEEN A "BANKER" AND SEVERAL "PLAYERS"
BUT I'LL ADJUST IT SO IT WON'T EXCEED THE BIOS THE BANKER HAS.
FIRST, THE "PLAYERS" BET AN AMOUNT OF BIOS THEY WANT.



WIN
AND IF A PLAYER'S DIRECTION IS THE SAME DIRECTION AS THE "BANKER" POINTS TO,
UNDER-STOOD?
THEIR WAGER WILL BE TAKEN BY THE "BANKER".




*THESE ARE THE FOUR GODS OF THE CARDINAL DIRECTIONS FROM EAST ASIAN CULTURE. LOOK UP "FOUR SYMBOLS".

UM...?

HUH...?

AH...

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IT'S "MADE YA LOOK THAT A WAY", RIGHT?

.....

"*MADE YA LOOK THAT-A-WAY"?

IS THIS...

EH...

.....

*IT'S A COMMON JAPANESE CHILDREN'S GAME, LOOK UP "ACCHI MUITE HOI".

THE PROCESS I JUST EXPLAINED, IT'LL REPEAT FOR 3 ROUNDS AT MOST PER GAME!

IN OTHER WORDS,

"MADE YA LOOK THAT A-WAY"

IT'S "MADE YA LOOK THAT A-WAY" RIGHT?

IT'S "MADE YA LOOK THAT A-WAY"

NOW, I'LL CONTINUE EXPLAIN-ING!!

IT'S A GAME THAT SIMULATES THE FOUR GODS OF THE CARDINAL DIRECTIONS!

FIRST,

THIS "ENCIRCLEMENT OF THE FOUR GODS" GAME IS A STRATEGIC AND GROUNDBREAKING GAME THAT'S FAR BEYOND YOUR IMAGINATION!

HE WILL EARN THE SAME AMOUNT OF BIOS THAT HE BET.

PLAYER

WHEN A PLAYER TURNS A DIFFERENT DIRECTION FROM THE BANKER 3 TIMES,

BANKER

CAN NOT

AND THE PLAYER,

THE BANKER

THIS IS THE MOST IMPOR-TANT...

AND SECOND!

YOU CAN ONLY TURN OR POINT ONCE FOR EACH DIRECTION!

.....

I SEE...

TURN OR POINT THE SAME DIRECTION 2 TIMES IN A SINGLE GAME!

RIGHT,

LEFT,

UP,

DOWN,

THE GAME'S NAME:
**THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF THE FOUR GODS**
(MADE YA LOOK THAT-A-WAY)

1. ONE "BANKER" FIGHTS AGAINST SEVERAL "PLAYERS".
2. THE "BANKER" POINTS, AND THE "PLAYERS" TURN, TO A DIRECTION AMONG ⬆⬇⬅➡.
   WHEN A PLAYER FACES THE SAME DIRECTION THE BANKER POINTS, HE LOSES.

# CHAPTER 333
# THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SILENCE

ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CHOOSE A DIRECTION THEY'VE CHOSEN BEFORE IN THE SAME GAME.

THE BANKER

AND THE PLAYERS

THERE ARE 3 ROUNDS AT MOST IN 1 GAME.

**RULES:**

**3RD ROUND**

**2ND ROUND**

**1ST ROUND**

BANKER

THE "PLAYER" PASSES

THE "PLAYER" PASSES

THE "PLAYER" PASSES

PLAYER

3 IN THE 2ND ROUND,

AND 2 IN THE 3RD ROUND.

YOU'LL HAVE 4 DIRECTIONS IN THE 1ST ROUND.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE CHOICES FOR EACH PERSON DECREASE EACH ROUND.

YEAH.

SO...

IS IT REALLY OKAY TO GAMBLE WITH SUCH A GAME?

IT'S JUST "MADE YA LOOK THAT-A-WAY"...

HOW DO I PUT THIS... IT'S TOO SIMPLE...

A "PLAYER"

THE "BANKER" HAS TO DEFEAT THE "PLAYERS" WITHIN 3 ROUNDS.

HAS TO FACE A DIFFERENT DIRECTION FROM THE BANKER'S DIRECTION 3 TIMES TO WIN A GAME.

# DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!

NOW, LET'S START.

ANY BRAVE ONE WHO WANTS TO BE THE FIRST?

THE "PLAYERS"

CAN'T JUST FOCUS ON THE "BANKER" ---

FOR BETTER OR WORSE, YOU KNOW? BAHAHA!

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THIS GAME, YOUNG MEN!

IF YOU DON'T TAKE IT SERIOUSLY, YOU'LL REGRET IT!

THIS GAME IS LIKE "MADE YA LOOK THAT -A-WAY". BUT IT'S ALSO SOMETHING ELSE!

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!

AREN'T YOU GOING TO PLAY, "CHAMP"?

WILL YOU PLAY?

WHAT NOW?

UM...

I'LL PLAY!

ME TOO!

HUH!?

HERE!

BESIDES, I DON'T HAVE ANY "BIOS"...

WELL ...

I'M NOT GOOD AT THIS KIND OF...

HOLD ON...

.....

BUT SINCE THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY, LET'S ENJOY THE GAME TOGETHER.

YOU HELPED ME A LOT WHEN I PASSED OUT. IT'S NOT LIKE I'M REPAYING YOU...

WHISPER

ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE,

MADARA-ME BK,

AND, TELL ME HOW TO GET "KARIUME" LATER.

AH!

WHAT... DID YOU COME TO "THIS ISLAND" FOR?

BRINGING THAT WEIRD "REFEREE" OLD MAN HERE...

I SHALL BECOME A "KING"...

WELL, FIRST OF ALL,

ACTUALLY ...I AM GAMBLING

WITH SOMEONE.

!!

BETTING ON WHICH ONE CAN "UNITE" THIS ISLAND.

JUST NOW..... WHEN I HEARD THOSE WORDS,

"FIRST OF ALL, I SHALL BECOME A KING"?

"UNITE"?

I... SAID THE SAME WORDS BEFORE...

THAT STILL NEEDS 10,000 BIOS TO BUY A CITIZENSHIP...!?

MOREOVER, HE'S ONLY A SLAVE

I STARTED FROM "CITIZEN", AND I ONLY REACHED "WARRIOR"..

I FELT ASHAMED ABOUT MYSELF.

NORMAL CLASS

MAGICIAN

WARRIOR

*CONDITION: LV.20 OR HIGHER

CITIZEN

EVEN IF HE REALLY BECOMES A CITIZEN, THERE'S STILL A HIGH WALL WAITING FOR HIM IF HE WANTS TO CLIMB HIGHER!

*CONDITION: LV.50 OR HIGHER + 100,000 BIOS

HIGH CLASS

PRIEST

KNIGHT

CONDITION: LV.80 OR HIGHER + HAVING THE SUPPORT OF OVER TWO-THIRDS OF THE HIGH CLASS PLAYERS

KING

ON THIS ISLAND, IT'S VERY HARD... HARD ENOUGH TO LOSE ONE'S HEART...

THE CONDITION SEEMS POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE IF YOU PLAY SERIOUSLY,

BUT THAT'S ONLY THE CASE IN THE "GAME".

WARRIOR

MAGICIAN

*CONDITION: LV.20 OR HIGHER

CITIZEN

ADVANC-ING TO A NORMAL CLASS.

"SKILL"

"WEALTH"

"STAMINA", ALL THREE OF THOSE ARE INDISPENSABLE... THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS

WINNING IN A FIGHT IS HARDER THAN EARNING BIOS.

PEOPLE IN THIS "OFF-PRO"

ARE ALL TOP PLAYERS THAT HAVE MASTERED THIS GAME... ADDICTS... STRONG LIKE IRON WALLS.

ON THIS ISLAND, IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT BIOS.

IT'S NOT EASY AT ALL.

IT'S A CRUEL WORLD .. WHERE YOU'LL LOSE EVERYTHING IF YOU LOSE A FIGHT...

HARD ENOUGH... TO LOSE MY HEART...

IT'S A GAME FAR BEYOND A GAME... NO MATTER HOW GOOD YOU ARE, YOU CAN ONLY REACH THE NORMAL CLASS.

EVEN I HAD A HARD TIME.

WE GOT 6 PARTI-CIPANTS, HUH.

SO THE REST DECIDED TO OBSERVE?

.....

RYUUSEI...

LET ME SEE HOW IT GOES FIRST.

OF COURSE...

BESIDES, IT FEELS LIKE THIS GAME IS KINDA...

EVERYONE, WRITE DOWN YOUR NAMES, HOW MUCH BIOS YOU HAVE, AND HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO BET.

AND THEN HAND THE PAPER TO ME.

NOW, IT'S BETTING TIME!

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CHAMP
1 BIOS
YOU'RE CAUTIOUS!!
OH!
"CHAMP", HUH...
HMM.

I'LL BET 1 BIOS EACH GAME. EARNING SOME BIOS IS ENOUGH FOR ME.
I WON'T ASK FOR MUCH.
BESIDES, I ONLY HAVE 2 BIOS.
BE- BECAUSE IT'S THE FIRST GAME.

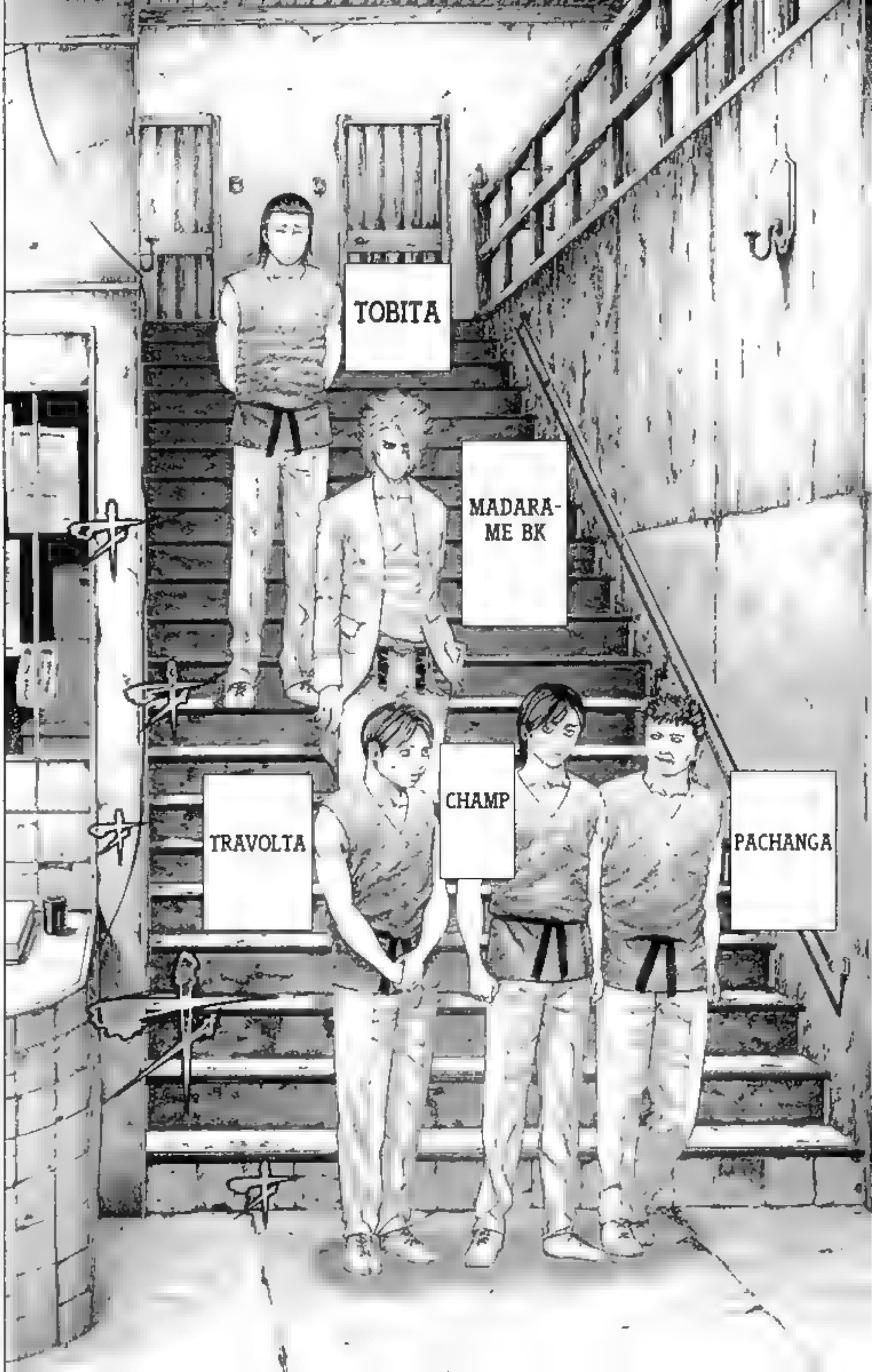
S- STEPS?

NOW, THE "PLAYERS" WILL STAND ON THE STEPS BY THE SEQUENCE OF
THE NAMES I CALL.

YEAH...
I'M "MENMA".
ARE YOU THE "BANKER"?


...
HERE?
GOOD! NOW, THE "BANKER", MENMA, PLEASE STAND IN FRONT OF THE STAIRS!
STEP FORWARD A LITTLE BIT... MORE.

GOOD.


TOBITA
MADARA-
ME BK
CHAMP
TRAVOLTA
PACHANGA

I'LL LET IT GO THIS TIME!

BA HA HA!

BUT TALKING IS FORBIDDEN ON THE STAIRS!

SHUSH!!

WHAT IS...

EH...

THE SAME GOES FOR THE ONES WHO TURN OR POINT A DIRECTION AT A DIFFERENT TIMING FROM MY SIGNAL!!

IF I SEE YOU DO THAT, YOUR BIOS WILL BE TAKEN BY THE "BANKER"!

YOU CAN'T LOOK BACK-WARDS EITHER!

AND,

YOU CAN'T TALK AFTER STANDING ON THE STAIRS!

!!

STARE

.....

EVERYONE ON THIS STEP BETS 1 BIOS?

PUT THE BIOS YOU BET NEAR YOUR FEET! PEOPLE ON THE SAME STEP PUT YOUR BIOS TOGETHER!

ALRIGHT!

HIGH
LOW
I SEE,
DEPENDING ON THE AMOUNT OF BIOS WE BET, WE ARE ARRANGED ON DIFFERENT STEPS.
PEOPLE ON THIS STEP BET 1 BIOS...
BUT WE CAN'T SEE THEIRS...
PEOPLE ON THE HIGHER STEPS CAN SEE THE BIOS DOWN HERE...
OKAY...
HUH!?
READ IT CAREFULLY, BAHAHA!
THE "BANKER" HAS THE RIGHT TO KNOW THE "PLAYER'S BETS".
18 BIOS... IN TOTAL... IN OTHER WORDS, IF I DEFEAT EVERYONE, I CAN GET 18 BIOS!?
I'LL EXPLAIN THE CONDITIONS FOR CHANGING THE "BANKER"!
NOW, FINALLY,

1 TOBITA 10 Bios
2 MADARAME BK 5 Bios
3 CHAMP 1 Bios
4 TRAVOLTA 1 Bios
PACHANGA 1 Bios
TOTAL 18 Bios

"IF THE BANKER CAN'T CONTINUE"

BROKE...

NEXT, THE CONDITIONS FOR CHANGING THE BANKER FORCIBLY.

OR "LOSES TO ALL THE PLAYERS IN A SINGLE GAME". THE BANKER WILL BE CHANGED IN THOSE SITUATIONS.

LOSE TO EVERYONE...

AND IF THE NEXT "BANKER" ACCEPTS, YOU CAN MAKE THE EXCHANGE.

OKAY.

I WANT TO QUIT.

THE FIRST WAY IS PRO-POSING IT BY YOURSELF AS THE BANKER.

LOOK

THE OTHER~

EH...

THE LOSERS HAVE TO SIT DOWN AND WAIT UNTIL THE GAME ENDS.

AS YOU REQUESTED, I'LL SAY "LOOK THE OTHER WAY!" AS THE STARTING SIGNAL OF THE GAME!!!

NOW, TIME TO START!!

WAY!

AH...

!!

"PA-CHANGA" TURNED ⬆ AND PASSED?

WHAT ABOUT "TRA-VOLTA"?

1ST ROUND

I'VE CHECKED EVERY-ONE! GOOD!

I.. I PASSED ...

SAFE...

嘘吐い㉛。

I SHOULD MIND MY OWN BUSI-NESS!

WHAT'S THE SITUATION RIGHT NOW?

I PASSED THE 1ST ROUND.

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……

HE LOST IN THE 1ST ROUND...

AH... TRAVOLTA ...

I CAN'T TURN ➡ ANYMORE.

I ONLY HAVE 3 DIRECTIONS FROM THE 2ND ROUND ON.

CHOOSING THE SAME DIRECTION TWICE IS FORBIDDEN.

I TURNED ➡.

AND THE BANKER POINTED ⬅.

LOOK

THE OTHER~

NOW, THE 2ND ROUND!

HUH... ALREADY? I HAVEN'T FINISHED THINKING!

THE BANKER CAN'T POINT ⬅ ANYMORE EITHER.

...HUH? MY ⬅ HASN'T BEEN USED YET... WHICH MEANS...

WAY!

THERE'S A "GUARANTEE" TO "SKIP" THE 2ND ROUND BY TURNING TO THE DIRECTION THAT THE BANKER POINTED IN THE 1ST ROUND!!

ONCE YOU ENTER THE 2ND ROUND,

A GUARANTEE ...

.....

WHY DIDN'T MADARAME BK

TURN ⬅?

HUH?

.....

WHY?

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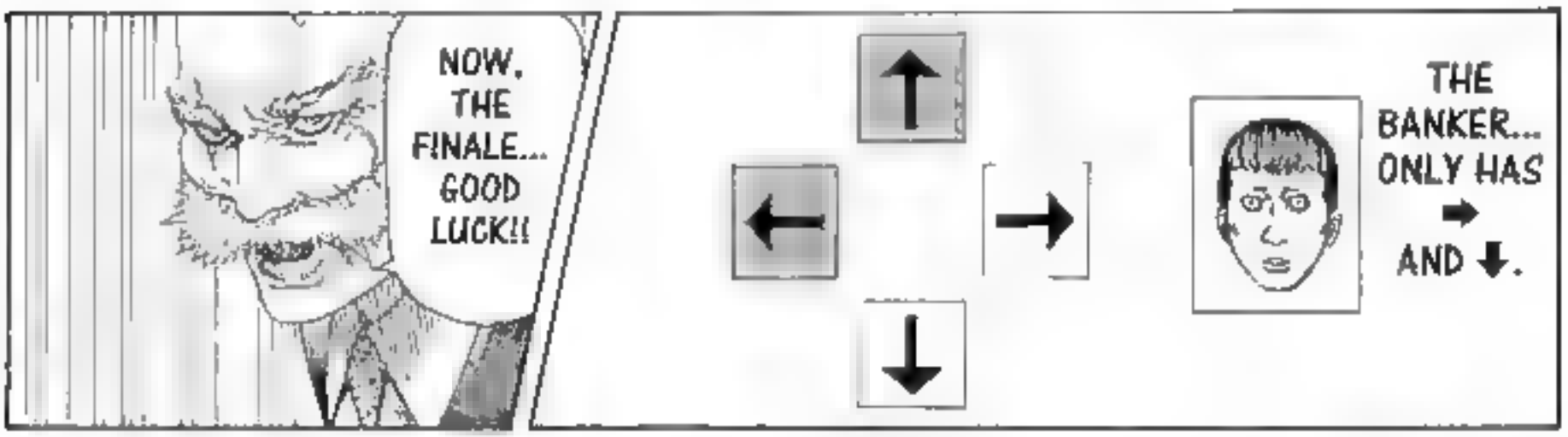
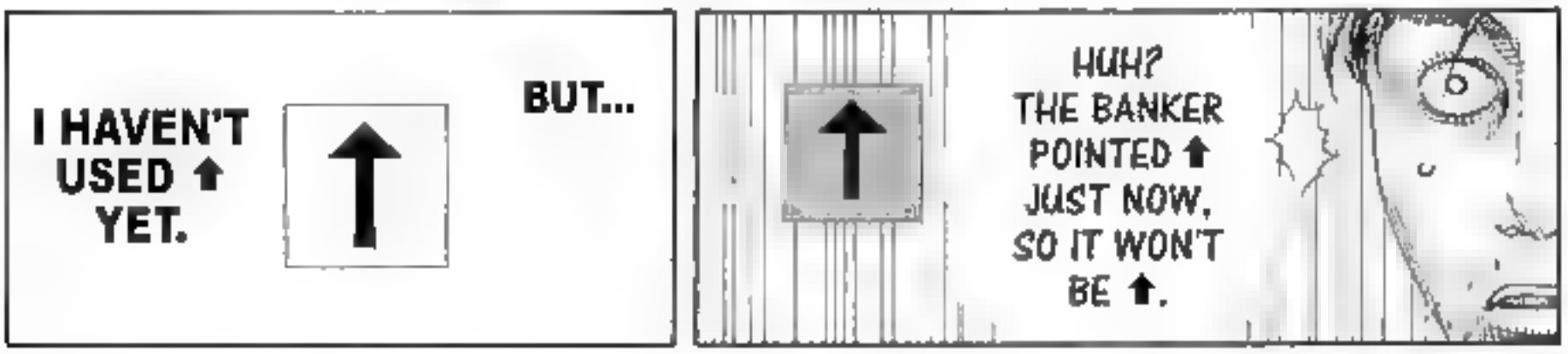
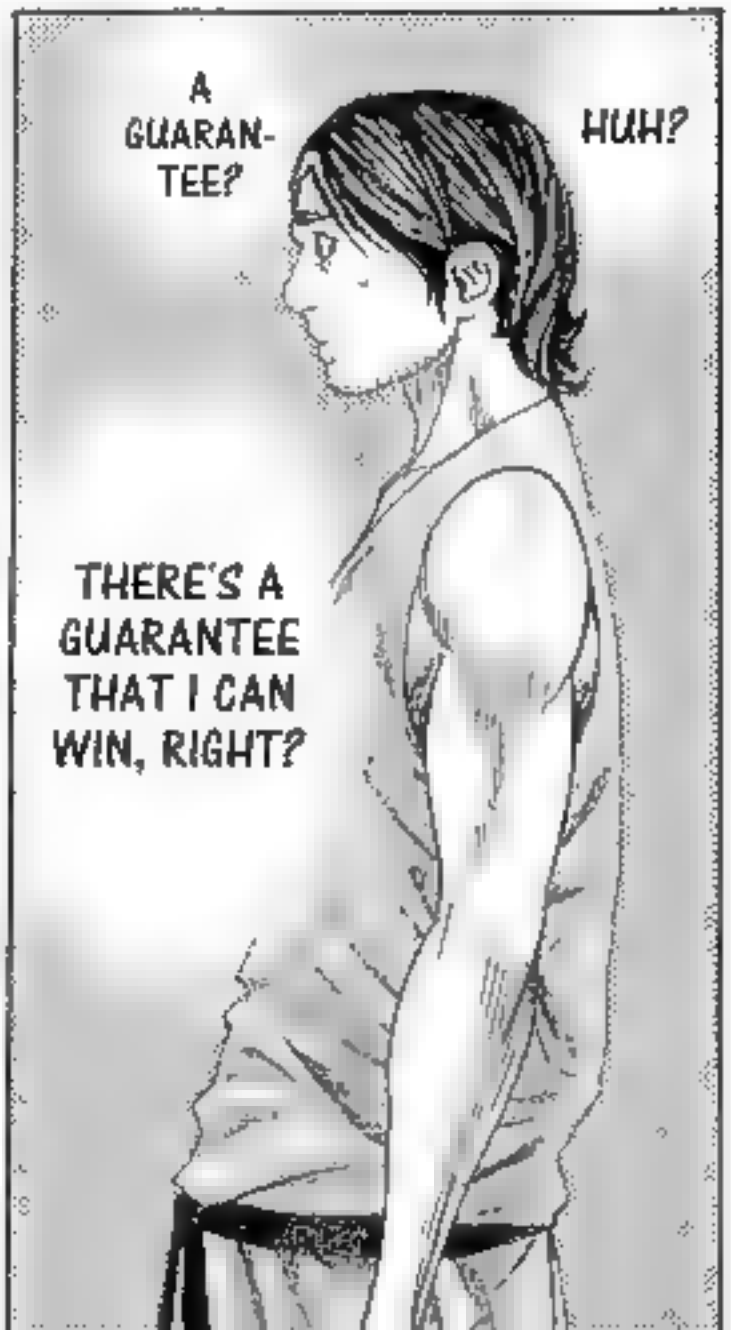
I ONLY HAVE ⬆ AND ⬇.
EH... THE 3RD ROUND!


NOW, THE FINALE... GOOD LUCK!!
THE BANKER... ONLY HAS ➡ AND ⬇.


I HAVEN'T USED ⬆ YET.
BUT...
HUH? THE BANKER POINTED ⬆ JUST NOW, SO IT WON'T BE ⬆.

I DID IT!
I WON!
I GOT 1 BIOS! NOW I HAVE 3 BIOS IN TOTAL!

WAY!


A GUARAN-TEE?
HUH?
THERE'S A GUARANTEE THAT I CAN WIN, RIGHT?

DON'T FORGET THAT THOSE WHO EARN MONEY IN THE END ARE THE REAL WINNERS!

SOME OF YOU WIN AND SOME OF YOU LOSE. BUT THE GAME HAS JUST STARTED!

BAHAHA! HOW IS IT, EVERYONE!?

I BET 5 BIOS AND LOST IN THE 2ND ROUND.

TOBITA SAID HE BET 10 BIOS.

THE REST OF YOU ARE 1 BIOS, RIGHT? ... WHICH MEANS,

YOU'RE THE ONLY WINNER IN THE "PLAYERS", CHAMP.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MADARAME BK ?

AH!

CONGRATULATIONS, "CHAMP".

BY THE WAY...

I LOST...

YOU IDIOT!

THE "BANKER" EARNED SO MUCH!

THIS GAME IS MORE COMPLICATED THAN I THOUGHT.

| | |
|---|---|
| TOBITA | 10 BIOS |
| MADARAME BK | 5 BIOS |
| TRAVOLTA | 1 BIOS |
| PACHANGA | 1 BIOS |
| CHAMP | -1 BIOS |
| TOTAL | 16 BIOS |

THE BANKER WON 16 BIOS IN THE LAST GAME.

# CHAPTER 334
# "CERTAIN PASS" OR "DUEL"

DON'T BE GREEDY!

I SHOULD BET 1.

NO!

WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT...?

BET 1 BIOS AGAIN?

OR BET MORE? 2... NO, 3 BIOS...

AH,

SHUSH!

IT SEEMS WE'RE ALLOWED TO TALK NOW.

CHAMP-SAN.

SO,

CHAMP-SAN...

I SEE.

YOU WON'T BE FINED SINCE YOU HAVEN'T BET YET.

COMMUNICATING IS FORBIDDEN ONLY AFTER BETTING AND UP UNTIL THE GAME ENDS.

WHAT?

TRA VOLTA!?

I WANT TO RAISE THE WAGER IN THE NEXT GAME.

HM...

I BIOS AGAIN.

HOW MUCH WILL YOU BET NEXT?

LET'S START THE 2ND GAME!

NOW, EVERY-ONE!!

IT'S BETTING TIME NOW!

IT'S BETTER TO OBSERVE THE SITUATION FOR NOW.

WAIT!

DON'T WORRY.

ALTHOUGH I SAID "RAISE THE WAGER", IT'S JUST 2 BIOS.

HUH!? SO... AWE-SOME...

BESIDES, I HAVE 50 BIOS.

HERE'S THE INFORMATION ON THE "PLAYERS".

MENMA-KUN,

...HUH!?

THIS IS THE CRITICAL MOMENT.

TOBITA

MADARAME BK

PACHANGA

TRAVOLTA

CHAMP

TOBITA 20Bios
MADARAME BK 10Bios
PACHANGA 10Bios
TRAVOLTA 2Bios
CHAMP 1Bios

1 TOBITA 20 Bios
2 MADARAME BK 10 Bios
3 PACHANGA 10 Bios
4 TRAVOLTA 2 Bios
5 CHAMP 1 Bios
TOTAL 43 Bios

IN TOTAL!
43 BIOS

I... I CAN'T LOSE!

LOSING ALL 43 BIOS.
THE WORST SITUATION IS...
THE MONEY YOU WON BEFORE WILL BE LOST.

YOU CAN SAY "CHEERS"!
BUT IF YOU WIN,

TOBITA
20 Bios
MADARAME BK
10 Bios
PACHANGA
10 Bios
THESE 3 ARE THE PROBLEMS!
TRAVOLTA
2 Bios
CHAMP
1 Bios
THOSE WHO BET 1 OR 2 BIOS ARE NOT IMPORTANT!
THROW THEM OUT OF MY SIGHT!
I DON'T NEED TO CARE ABOUT THEM!
THE ONE WHO BETS MORE IS MORE IMPORTANT
THAT'S WHAT THE BANKER WILL THINK.
OF COURSE.
20 Bios
AND TOBITA IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE!
IN OTHER WORDS, THE TOP STEP WILL BECOME THE BANKER'S TARGET.
THE ONE ON THE TOP STEP.
FOR THE BANKER, THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF IS...
LOOK THE OTHER~
HERE WE GO!

WAY!

ONE PERSON FAILED IN THE 1ST ROUND.

!!

SA-SAFE!

I'VE CHECKED EVERYONE! GET READY!

SOME-ONE...

SHIT!!!

SH... SHIT!!

A FEW MINUTES AGO

SAT DOWN BEHIND ME... I HEARD THE SOUND.

MOREOVER, IT'S THE ONE WHO BET ONLY 2 BIOS!

ONE...

I ONLY TOOK ONE GUY DOWN!

.....

IT'S NOTHING.

I'M JUST THINKING THAT YOU'RE SO BRAVE. BECAUSE I DIDN'T DARE TO BET 10 BIOS IN THE FIRST GAME.

WELL,

HEY...

HUH?

HOW MUCH WILL YOU BET?

ARE YOU GOING TO BET HIGH IN THE NEXT GAME?

SO...

OKAY, OKAY.

IT'S FINE.

I'LL BE ON THE TOP!

I... I WON'T TELL YOU THE AMOUNT I'LL BET!

SO I WANT TO BE ON THE TOP STEP THIS TIME.

IN THIS GAME, THE MORE YOU BET, THE HIGHER THE STEP YOU GET TO STAND ON.

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WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I GIVE IT TO YOU.

HUH?

THEN YOU STAY ON THE TOP... I WON'T SCRAMBLE FOR IT WITH YOU.

!?

I... I SEE.

HUH? REALLY?

AND YOU'LL HAVE MORE ADVAN-TAGES.

THE TOP STEP IS A SPECIAL SEAT WHERE YOU CAN SEE EVERYONE BELOW YOU.

YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT I'LL BET 10 BIOS, RIGHT?

AH,

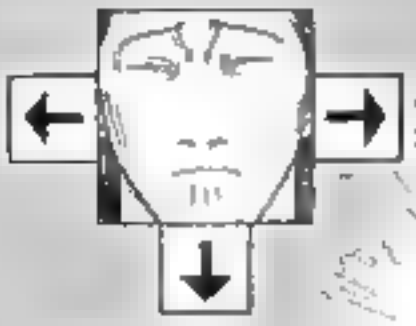
IF YOU WANT TO TAKE THE TOP STEP, GO AHEAD.

I'LL BET 10 BIOS NEXT TIME.

I DID AS I PROMISED

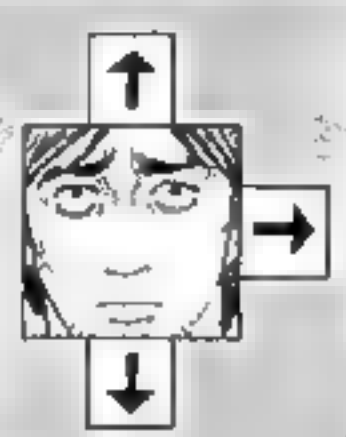
ALTHOUGH IT'S KINDA WEIRD TO SAY THIS IS AN EXCHANGE...

IF I REALLY BET 10 BIOS, THEN...



20 Bios

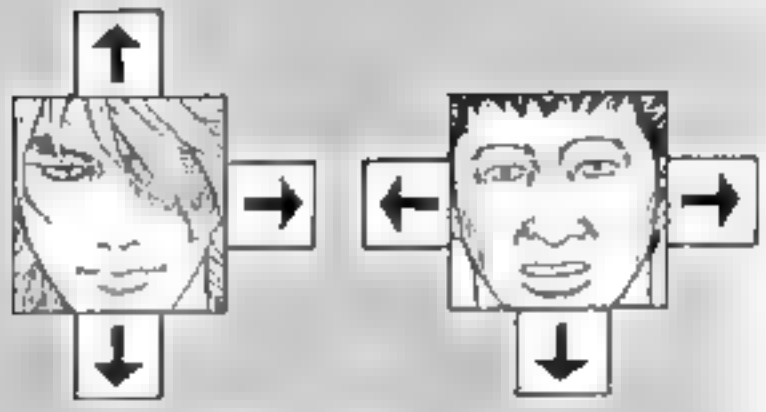
I DON'T NEED TO CARE ABOUT THAT 1 BIOS GUY.



1 Bios

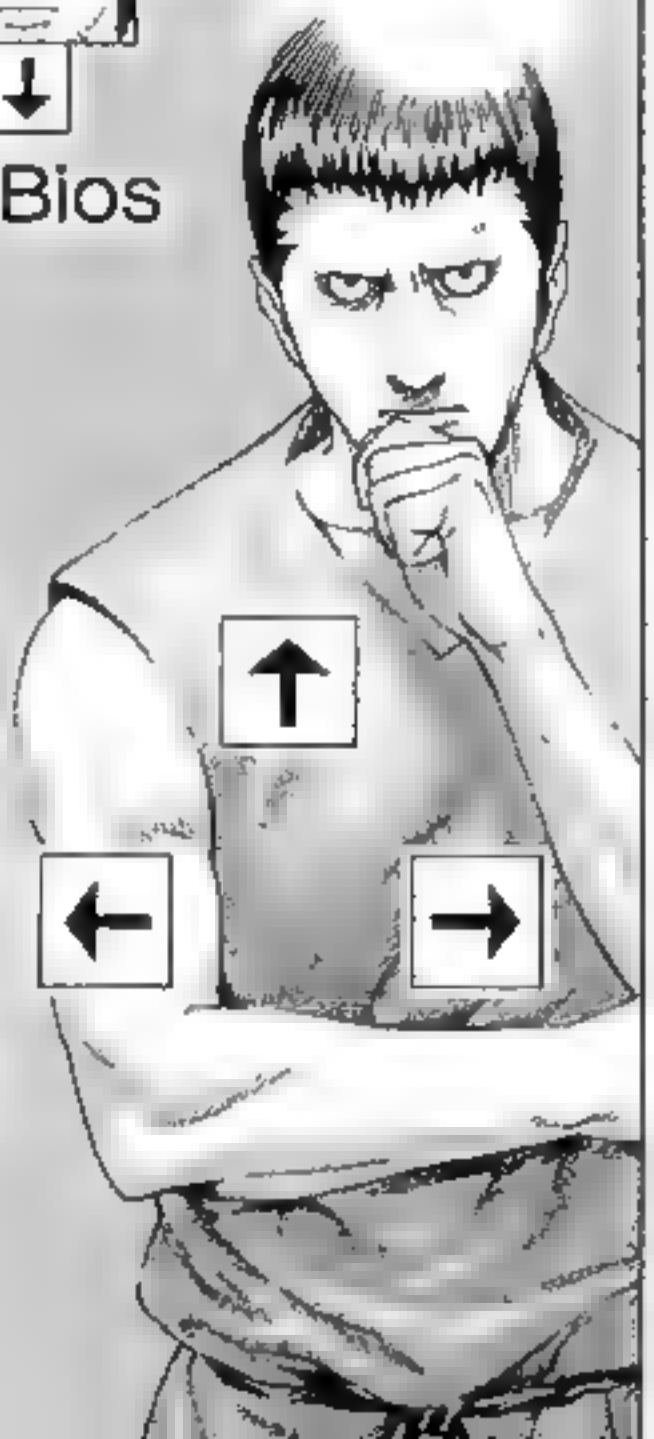
THE 2ND ROUND...

THE PROBLEMS ARE THESE 3.



10 Bios

ALL OF THE 3 WHO BET HIGH HAVE PASSED THE 1ST ROUND.



SO THEY WILL TURN ⬇ OF COURSE...

I CAN'T POINT ⬇ ANY-MORE.

IF I TURN ⬇, I CAN HAVE A "CERTAIN PASS".

YOU CAN "PASS THE 2ND ROUND FOR SURE" BY TURNING THE DIRECTION THE BANKER POINTED IN THE 1ST ROUND.

AS LONG AS ONE CAN PASS THE 1ST ROUND, THE 2ND ROUND WILL BE VERY EASY.

MADARAME BK,

FOR SOME REASON HE DIDN'T CHOOSE THE "CERTAIN PASS".

...BUT COME TO THINK OF IT, MADARAME...

COME TO THINK OF IT, IN THE LAST GAME,

HOLD ON.

SOMEONE DIDN'T DO THAT.

THE HINTS APPEARING LIKE LAYERS BEING PEELED OFF

THEY STARTED TO REALIZE

IN SUCH A FAST-PACED MATCH...

!

THERE'S NO TIME TO FIGURE OUT THE GAME.

I... I SEE!

AND SOMEONE ON THE BLEA CHERS

THE ONE STAND-ING ON THE TOP STEP

THE BANKER

WHO CAN OBSERVE ALL.

IF "TOBITA" WILL TURN ↓ FOR SURE,

UH... SO IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE BANKER TO DEFEAT THE TARGET...

IF YOU WERE THE BANKER, WHICH DIRECTION WOULD YOU POINT?

MINORU,

TOBITA

UH...

HUH!?

THEN POINTING ↑ SHOULD BE THE CORRECT ANSWER, RIGHT?

MINORU,

SO TOBITA, THE BANKER'S TARGET, WILL TURN ↓, RIGHT?

THE BANKER CAN'T POINT ↓ ANYMORE

THE BANKER WILL LOSE IF HE DOESN'T CHOOSE THE "CERTAIN LOSS", POINTING ⬆.

IF TOBITA CHOOSES THE "CERTAIN PASS",

LISTEN,

.....

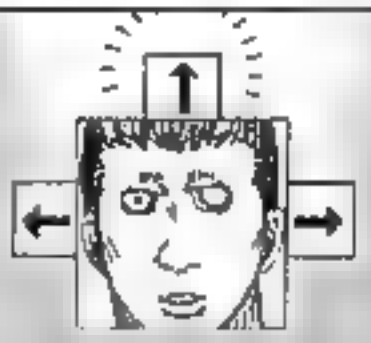
.....

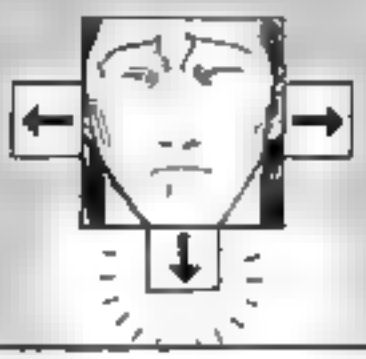
BUT TOBITA HAS ALREADY TURNED ⬆ IN THE 1ST ROUND, EVEN IF THE BANKER POINTS ⬆...

NO, I SHOULD SAY HE MUST DO THAT. GIVE UP THE 2ND ROUND BY POINTING ⬆.

THAT'S WHY HE SHOULD DO THAT.

THE BANKER HAS TO CHOOSE ⬆, WHICH TOBITA CAN'T TURN ANYMORE.

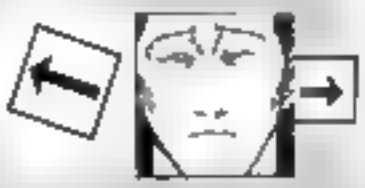




IF TOBITA CHOOSES ⬇, WHICH THE BANKER CAN'T POINT TO ANYMORE,

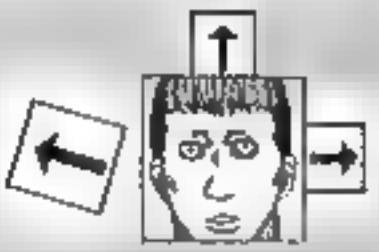
DUEL WITH TOBITA WITH A 50% WIN RATE IN THE 3RD ROUND.

SO THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO



HE'LL LOSE IN THE 3RD ROUND FOR SURE.

IN THE SITUATION WHERE TOBITA CHOOSES ⬇, IF THE BANKER CHOOSES ⬅ OR ➡,



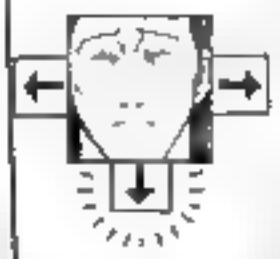
I... I SEE.

THERE'S STILL ANOTHER POSSI-BILITY.

BUT THE PROBLEM IS...

ONLY BY CHOOSING THE "CERTAIN LOSS", ⬆,

IF THE TARGET, TOBITA



CHOOSES ⬇, THE CERTAIN PASS,

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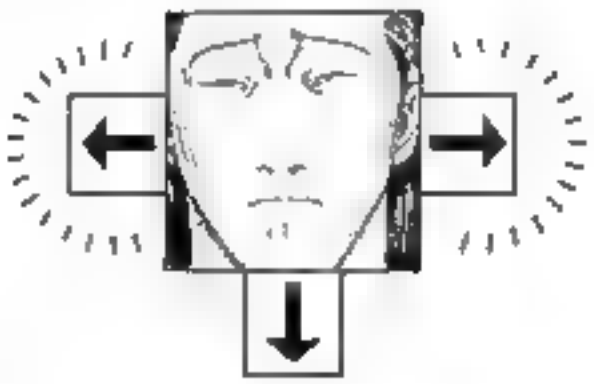
IN THE 2ND ROUND, THE "PLAYER" HAS A CHOICE OTHER THAN THE "CERTAIN PASS".

WILL THE BANKER HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN.

BUT TURNS ⬅ OR ➡, WHAT WILL HAPPEN?



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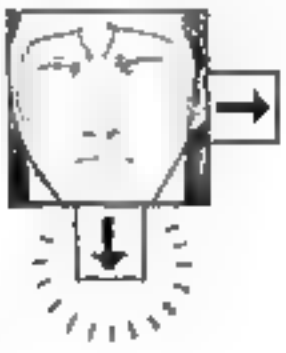
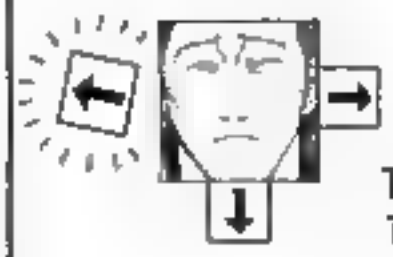
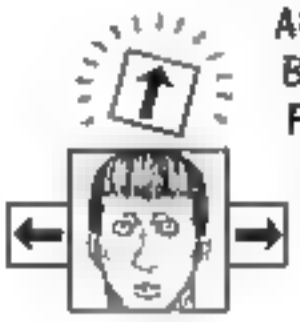


THEY DON'T EVEN NEED TO WAIT UNTIL THE 3RD ROUND, TOBITA WILL HAVE ALREADY WON.



IF TOBITA TURNS ⬅, AND THE BANKER POINTS ⬆,



THE BANKER ...

WILL LOSE FOR SURE.

THE "CERTAIN PASS" OR "TO DUEL" IN THE 2ND ROUND.

ENTER THE 3RD ROUND

CERTAIN PASS

THE 2ND ROUND (PLAYER)

DUEL

THE RESULT COMES OUT

IN THIS GAME, IT'S CRUCIAL TO SEE THROUGH WHETHER THE "PLAYER" CHOOSES

THE KEY TO THIS GAME IS TO GUESS WHETHER THE OPPONENT WILL CHOOSE THE "CERTAIN PASS" OR "TO DUEL" IN THE 2ND ROUND...

IF THE BANKER GUESSES WRONG, HE'LL LOSE.....

IT WON'T DEPEND ON LUCK,

BUT INSTEAD GUESSING EACH OTHERS' THOUGHTS

WITH LOGIC.

THEY BEGAN TO

REALIZE THIS GAME'S STRATEGY

...!

FROM NOW ON,

嘘吐い㊁。

THEY WILL

FORGET ……

HUMANS

ARE UNREASON-ABLE CREATURES.

LOOK

THE OTHER~

STRATEGIES IN THIS GAME,

WHEN THEY REALIZE THERE ARE

AND REALIZE THEIR OPPONENTS ARE CRAFTY AND CUNNING,

THAT THEY ARE SLAVES.

WAY!

THEIR FACES

WILL START TO LOOK LIKE GAMBLERS STRUGGLING INSIDE A SWIRL OF MADNESS.

WILL WIN BY TURNING ⬆ IN THE NEXT ROUND.

MADARA-ME BK.

!!

AND HAS TO DUEL IN THE 3RD ROUND.

PACHANGA CHOSE THE CERTAIN PASS.

AND HAS ALREADY WON.

CHAMP CHOSE TO DUEL TOO.

HE WILL WIN BY TURNING ⬇ IN THE NEXT ROUND.

TOBITA CHOSE TO DUEL.

!

WAY!

10...
10 BIOOOOOOOOO

| LOST | |
|---|---|
| TOBITA | 20 |
| MADARAME BK | 10 |
| CHAMP | 1 |
| −31 | |

| EARNED | |
|---|---|
| TRAVOLTA | 2 |
| PACHANGA | 10 |
| +12 | |

THE BANKER -19 BIOS

MINORU... IN THIS GAME,

THEIR FACES HAVE BECOME GREAT.

BAHA HA!

FIGHT, AND WIN!

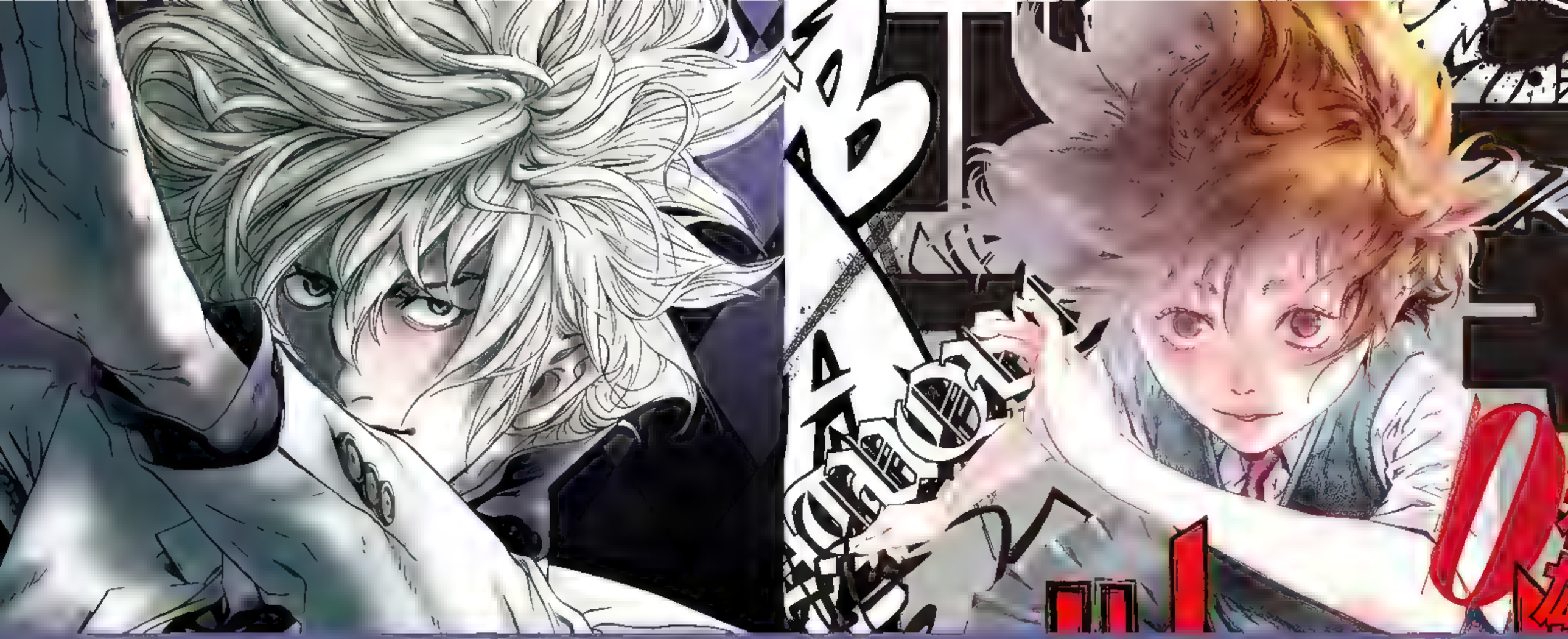
OPPRESSED WARRIORS!

THERE'S A CERTAIN-WIN STRATEGY...

CHAMP-SAN,

WHAT? TRA... TRAVOLTA...

IN THIS GAME,



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## CHAPTER-335

# THE SCRAMBLING SLAVES

LISTEN CAREFULLY, MINORU.

I WILL NOW EXPLAIN IT, DON'T FORGET IT.

IN THIS GAME,

THERE'S A CERTAIN-WIN STRATEGY.

I'LL BET 4 BIOS.

NEXT,

I LOST 1 BIOS IN THE 1ST GAME, AND 2 BIOS IN THE 2ND GAME.

2 Bios

1 Bios

IF IT'S YOU,

I CAN TELL YOU THIS CERTAIN WIN STRATEGY, CHAMP-SAN.

YOU CAN FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE IF YOU WANT HUHU...

IT'S CALLED "MARTINGALE"

SOME-HOW...

IF I LOSE AGAIN, THEN I'LL BET 16 BIOS.

DOUBLE IT,

AND DOUBLE IT AGAIN!!

UNTIL I WIN.

IF I WIN, I CAN TAKE THE BIOS I LOST BACK, PLUS I'LL EARN 1 BIOS

COME ON~ I'LL BET 8 BIOS IN THE NEXT GAME OF COURSE~

...WHAT IF YOU LOSE?

HAS CHANGED...

THE ATMOS-PHERE...

I FEEL THAT...

SINCE WE, THE SLAVES,

IT'S KINDA WEIRD TO SAY THIS...

EVEN THOUGH WE ARE SLAVES,

DO NOT FIND THIS ISLAND ENJOYABLE...

OI!!

SOMEHOW I FEEL...

THAT OUR "PEACE" HAS BEEN DISTURBED...

ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?

OI!!

ARE...

TOBITA 30 Bios

2 MADARAME BK 15 Bios

3 PACHANGA 5 Bios

4 TRAVOLTA 4 Bios

CHAMP 2 BIOS

TOTAL 56 BIOS

DO YOU HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST ME!?

TOTAL 56 BIOS

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THIS!?

ARE YOU GUYS

FUCK-ING KIDD-ING ME!?

TOBITA AAAAA!!

QUIT ONLY AFTER WINNING A BIG ONE, THAT'S MY WAY OF GAMBLING.

HEH!

.....

MENMA,

IF YOU LOSE TO EVERYONE,

YOU'LL LOSE ALL OF YOUR BIOS.

BUT!

AND NOW WE'RE SCRAMBLING AGAINST EACH OTHER.

PUTTING OUR HANDS INTO

EACH OTHERS' WALLETS, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE COMPANIONS IN SLAVERY

THERE'S FRIEND-SHIP AMONG US.

..WE ARE POOR.

IF YOU WIN

YOU CAN SAY "CHEERS"!

ALTHOUGH

MORE-OVER,

WE'RE DOING IT WITH

SUCH AN UNPRECE-DENTED METHOD..

BY PLAYING

"MADE YA LOOK

THAT-A-WAY".

OR NOT,

WHETHER WE TURN OUR FACES

WE CAN NEVER

RETURN TO

THE TIME FROM BEFORE ANYMORE.

EVEN AFTER SOMEONE WENT BANKRUPT

DIDN'T STOP RAMPAG-ING

MARTINGALE EEEEEEEEEEEEE

THE VIRUS IN THIS ATMOS-PHERE

MAKING THE VIRUS SPREAD MORE.

STARTED TO JOIN THE SWIRL.

THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE ALSO...

OVER HALF OF THE SLAVES...

UNCON-SCIOUSLY.

AND.

THEY HAVENT REALIZED .....

HAVE PERISHED .....

OF HELL.

THE ENTRANCE ....

THAT THIS IS ONLY...

LEND ME SOME BIOS...

SOME-ONE...

HEY...

DISAPPEARING ALL OF A SUDDEN...

THE BIOS WE'VE BEEN ACCUMULATING BIT BY BIT EVERYDAY BY WORKING HARD...

HEY,

IF IT WAS ME...

EVEN I...

NO,

I'LL GIVE IT BACK AFTER I WIN!

IT'S OKAY, RIGHT?

NOBODY WILL LEND HIM THE MONEY.

WE AREN'T EVEN SURE IF HE'LL BE ABLE TO RETURN IT

WHAT'S WRONG?

HAHA.

HEY.

HEY!

AH... AAH...

AND IF YOUR MIND HASN'T CHANGED,

AFTER YOU CALM DOWN,

PA-CHANGA,

YOU SHOULD CALM DOWN FIRST.

COME HERE.

I'LL LEND YOU 200 BIOS.

YOU'LL HAVE TO RETURN THE BIOS

HOW-EVER,

IF YOU CAN'T RETURN THE MONEY WHEN THE GAME IS OVER,

WITH YOUR LIFE.

BUT,

YOU GUYS TOO.

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE I CAN LEND THE BIOS TO IS LIMITED.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?

LIFE ...?

YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW... JUST REMEMBER THAT IT CONCERNS YOUR "LIFE".

IN OTHER WORDS,

THE MONEY I HAVE, WHICH IS THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED TO EACH "CITIZEN" PLAYER,

IS 1000 BIOS.

THOU-SAND BIOS...

ONE...

I CAN ONLY LEND IT TO 5 PEOPLE.

BUT,

IT'S NOT A JOKE.

THIS GAME IS NOT A JOKE EITHER...

THIS SITUATION MAKES HIS WORDS TRUST-WORTHY...

HE...

HE MUST BE JOKING...

NO!

HE...

FROM A RIDICULOUS PERSON...

THOSE RIDICULOUS WORDS

THIS RIDICULOUS GAMBLE...

WE WERE PEACEFUL BEFORE.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF HE ADDS 1000 BIOS INTO THIS GAMBLE...

ONE THOU-SAND BIOS.!

RIDICULOUS RISKS...

AND THESE

DEFI-NITELY...

I CAN'T LOSE...

IN MY ESTIMATION, IT'S ABOUT 300 BIOS.

RIGHT NOW,

OVER HALF OF THE PLAYERS ARE GONE. AND THE BIOS THEY USED IN THIS "GAMBLE"...

I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S ABOUT 500 BIOS.

PLUS THE BIOS THESE GUYS ALREADY HAD FROM THE BEGINNING,

200!!

IF... IF I...

IF I WERE TO WIN ALL 1500 BIOS... I...

IF 1000 BIOS ARE ADDED...

**IT'LL BE 1500 BIOS IN TOTAL.**

I HAD 1500 BIOS

HUH?

!

I'LL BORROW IT.

THE MORE STAKE THE BETTER.

IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO CLIMB UP FROM "SLAVE".

WITHOUT A DOUBT,

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU NEED TO BEAR SOME RISK.

NOT GOING TO BEAR THE RISK...

MEANS YOU'RE WILLING TO STAY AS A SLAVE.

YOU ALREADY HAD 100 BIOS FROM THE BEGINNING...

AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO HAS EARNED THE MOST UP UNTIL NOW.

THIS... THIS GUY...

ARE YOU SURE?

AMONG THE PEOPLE PERISHING ONE BY ONE,

IN THIS UNPREDICTABLE GAME,

YOU KEPT WINNING.

BUT SOMEHOW YOU ALWAYS STAND ON THE SECOND HIGHEST STEP.

NO, WAIT... EXCEPT FOR THE 1ST GAME, HE WON EVERY SINGLE GAME WHERE HE PASSED THE 1ST ROUND!!

OTHER THAN THAT, YOU WON ALMOST EVERY GAME...

ALTHOUGH SOMETIMES YOU LOST THE 1ST ROUND OF A GAME,

COME TO THINK OF IT...

IT'S NOT JUST LUCK...

ALWAYS STANDING ON THE SECOND HIGHEST STEP... AND HIS WIN RATE FROM THE 2ND GAME ON...

YOU ARE BROKE ANYWAY, SO IT'S OKAY TO TELL ME, RIGHT?

YEAH.

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT MADARAME AND I TALKED ABOUT AT THAT TIME?

HUH?

I WANTED TO KEEP STANDING ON THE TOP STEP,

SO MADARAME TOLD ME HOW MUCH HE'D BET BEFOREHAND.

THANK YOU~

WELL,

IT WAS NOTHING IMPORTANT.

I AM BROKE, YOU SEE.

I CAN'T TELL YOU FOR FREE.

THIS... THIS GUY...

TSK!

.....

!!

HOW DID HE WIN FROM THAT?

HUH?

THAT... THAT'S IT?

THE CONDITION WAS TO TELL HIM

THE DIRECTION I'D TURN IN THE 1ST ROUND.

THAT GUY... REALIZED SUCH A THING AS EARLY AS THE 2ND GAME...

I... I SEE...

THE SHOW HAS JUST BEGUN...

MADARA-ME,

HUH?

YOU WERE FOOLED BY HIM.

TOBITA,

THE SHOW HAS JUST BEGUUUUUN!!!

THE SHOW HAS JUST BEGUN!

AND IN RETURN, YOU TOLD HIM THE DIRECTION YOU'D TURN IN THE FIRST ROUND...

MADARAME TOLD YOU EVERY TIME HOW MUCH HE'D BET BEFOREHAND,

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

WAIT, WAIT,

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN, FOOLED BY HIM?

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# A DAMN SLAVE

FIRST, THAT WAS A MISTAKE, WASN'T IT?

YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TAKE THE TOP STEP EVERY TIME?

THOSE TWO DON'T MATCH UP AT ALL.

HOW DO YOU THINK HE DID SUCH A FEAT?

MADARAME KEPT WINNING, JUST BY KNOWING YOUR 1ST ROUND'S CHOSEN DIRECTION...

IT'S A POSITION WHERE YOU'LL BE "TARGETED" BY THE BANKER.

BUT AT THE SAME TIME,

INDEED, YOU CAN SEE THE WHOLE SITUATION FROM THE TOP.

ON THE OTHER HAND,

AFTER ALL, YOU LOST, RIGHT?

IT DOES NOT OFFER SUCH A STRONG ADVANTAGE THAT IT'S WORTH BEING TARGETED FOR..

JUST REMEMBER THE SECOND GAME'S EVENTS.

YOU TURNED ⬆.

THE BANKER POINTED ⬇.

MADARAME TURNED ⬅.

MADARAME'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO

DEFINITELY TURN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION FROM YOURS.

WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT THAT?

MINORU,

IN THIS CASE, OF COURSE, IT WILL BE TOBITA WITH HIS 20 BIOS.

BUT, WHAT HAPPENS IF BOTH TOBITA AND MADARAME TURN THE SAME DIRECTION IN THE FIRST ROUND?

20 Bios

10 Bios

IN ORDER TO GAIN THE MOST BIOS,

THE BANKER HAS TO THINK ABOUT WHO HE SHOULD BE TARGETING.

嘘喰い㉛。

TO LOOK IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS THE TOP GUY.

THERE'S NO BENEFIT AT ALL FOR THE LOWER STAIR GUY

20 BIOS

10 BIOS

MADARAME WILL ALSO BE "TARGETED" TOGETHER.

TOBITA WILL BECOME AN EVEN BIGGER TARGET WORTH 30 BIOS.

ISN'T IT JUST "A LITTLE BIT MORE ADVANTAGEOUS" TO DO SO?

AH!

BUT,

PEEK

THIS IS WHY MADARAME

MADE SURE HE LOOKED AT A DIFFERENT DIRECTION FROM TOBITA, WHO'S ON THE TOP STEP

SELECTING FROM THOSE 2 CHOICES IS THE BANKER'S MAIN THINKING.

TARGET

BANKER

"IN THE SECOND ROUND, WILL MY TARGET

CHOOSE THE 'CERTAIN PASS' OR 'TO DUEL'?"

LISTEN, MINORU,

CURRENTLY, THE BANKER IS THINKING LIKE THIS

IT'S MORE THAN THAT.

HOWEVER, TOBITA CHOSE "TO DUEL", TURNING ⬅.

CHOOSE THE "CERTAIN PASS", ⬇.

AT THAT TIME, THE REASON THE BANKER POINTED ⬆ WAS BECAUSE HE THOUGHT TOBITA WOULD

AT THAT TIME, ONLY MADARAME

IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY FOR MADARAME.

HOW-EVER,

IT WAS TOBITA'S WIN BY KEEPING THE "CERTAIN PASS" FOR LATER, AND PLAYING RISKY.

3RD ROUND

USED

AND STILL HAVE ANOTHER "CERTAIN PASS" IN THE 3RD ROUND.

WAS ABLE TO CHOOSE THE "CERTAIN PASS".

THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE THAT SUCH A SITUATION WILL HAPPEN

A GUARANTEE

JUST LIKE CHAMP'S SITUATION IN THE FIRST GAME.

AS LONG AS YOU SELECT A DIFFERENT DIRECTION FROM THE TOP STEP.

HE GOT A CERTAIN WIN BUT HE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HOW...

I DID IT!

I WON!

THERE'S A GUARANTEE THAT I CAN WIN, RIGHT?

A BEHAVIOR OF TARGETING OPPORTU-NITIES

BORN BY NOT BEING THE "TARGET".

TARGET

JUST BY KNOWING THE DIRECTION THE TOP STEP WILL TURN IN THE 1ST ROUND,

AND LOOKING A DIFFERENT DIRECTION,

PLANNED ALL HIS MOVES, CARE-FULLY CREATING SUCH A SITUATION.

BUT,

MADARA ME

UNLIKE CHAMP, WHO WON LUCKILY ON A COINCIDENCE,

OF A HIGH-WINNING CHANCE.

MADARAME WAS, IN A SENSE, THE ONE IN A ZONE

!

IF YOU KNOW THE DIRECTION THE TOP GUY WILL TURN BEFORE-HAND

HOW MUCH BIOS... THE MAIN TARGET'S VALUE WILL INCREASE BY.

YOU CAN ALSO KNOW

MADARAME WAS ABLE TO BET A LOT OF BIOS AND STILL KEEP STANDING ON THAT POSITION.

MOREOVER, UNLIKE THOSE WHO BET LITTLE BIOS,

AND WAS ABLE TO LOOK AT THE PLAYERS BELOW HIM.

20Bios
10Bios
10Bios
SO BENEFICIAL FOR MADARAME.
THE SECOND GAME WAS
THAT'S HOW IMPOR-TANT IT IS.
IS SO IMPORTANT FOR ALL THE PLAYERS ON THE INFERIOR STEPS.
I WANT TO KNOW
KNOWING THE DIRECTION THE TOP GUY WILL LOOK
YOU HAVE MADE
TOBITA,
SUCH A BAD BARGAIN WITH MADARAME.
20 Bios
10 Bios
AS PACHANGA AND TOBITA TURNED THE SAME DIRECTION,
THE MAIN TARGET'S VALUE INCREASED BY 10 BIOS. ON TOP OF THAT, MADARAME ESCAPED FROM BEING TARGETED BY THE BANKER.

SNEAKILY KEPT ON DRYING OUT THAT PURSE OF YOURS.

HE MADE YOU THE TARGET AND

ALSO INCLUDES THE BIOS THAT YOU HAVE LOST.

EVEN WORSE, THE BIOS MADARAME IS RECEIVING

TOBITA,

AND AFTER ALL, THIS IS A GAMBLE...

BETTING A LOT WAS MY DECISION FROM THE BEGINNING,

I... DON'T REALLY THINK SO...

A CERTAIN WIN STRATEGY?

HUH?

IN THIS GAME,

WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?

HOW DO YOU DO IT? THAT CERTAIN-WIN STRATEGY.

YEAH!

Y-

DO YOU WANNA BE IN?

THERE'S A CERTAIN-WIN STRATEGY.

IF YOU WANT TO BE ONE OF US SO MUCH,

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE STRATEGY WITH YOUR CURRENT BIOS.

HOWEVER, TOBITA, BEFORE THAT...

I'LL TELL YOU ONLY IF YOU BECOME OUR PARTNER.

HAVE HIM LEND YOU 200 BIOS.

!!

GO THERE AND...

THIS IS NOT A MILD STRATEGY LIKE WHAT MADARAME DID, WHERE YOUR WINNING CHANCE MERELY "INCREASES".

THINK CAREFULLY.

WHA... WHAT!?

NEVER LOSE AT ALL.

THIS IS MORE DEFINITIVE... WHERE YOU CAN NEVER,

AND, NOT ONLY THAT BUT ALSO

WHA... NO WAY!

SO AS A GUARANTEE, I'LL KEEP IN CUSTODY HALF OF IT, 100 BIOS.

WE CAN'T EXCLUDE YOU BETRAYING US AFTER I TELL IT TO YOU.

I DON'T NEED IT TO BE YOU ANYWAY.

WAIT!

WELL, FINE, SEE YOU,

TOBITA.

.....

KUKU.

I'LL GO BORROW THE MONEY!

I GOT IT, I GOT IT!

WE NEED ONE MORE GUY WITH THE SAME CONDITIONS.

MINORU... ONE MORE.

FIND SOMEONE WHO LOST ALMOST ALL OF HIS BIOS.

HAVE THEM BORROW THE MONEY.

THANKS TO YOU, I COULD WIN AS MUCH AS 40 BIOS... YOU HAVE MY THANKS.

MADARAME, HERE'S THE 2 BIOS YOU LENT ME.

YOU ARE, OUT OF ALL THE SLAVES HERE, FAR AND AWAY THE BEST...

.....

FROM NOW ON, HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO...

FAR AND AWAY THE BEST.

HUH?

...BUT, STILL,

THANK YOU.

YOU HELPED ME A LOT,

I'M REALLY THANK-FUL.

OUR RELATIONSHIP IS BROKEN THANKS TO YOU.

.....

I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU FOR BRINGING ALL OF US, WHO WERE LIVING SO PEACEFULLY, INTO SUCH A SITUATION.

DAMN SLAVE.

THE BEST

WELL, IN APPEARANCE?

YOU ARE KIND TOWARDS OTHERS.

WHA- WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

AND ARE ALSO SINCERE...

AND ALWAYS TALK IN A NICE MANNER.

HUH?

WELL, THANK...

.....

WHAT?

BUT PEOPLE CAN'T STAND HAVING YOU TALK TO THEM WITH SUCH A TRIUMPHANT LOOK ON YOUR FACE.

HOW YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE YOUR LIFE IS UP TO YOU,

EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN WAY OF LIVING.

WHAT?

WHAT IS THIS GUY SAYING?

BUT,

AT FIRST GLANCE, YOU SEEM NICE...

WHEN LOOKING IN FURTHER, YOU'RE VERY SENSITIVE TO THE FEELING OF "IS HE BEING MALICIOUS TOWARDS ME?" WHEN SOMEONE DOES SOMETHING THAT FEELS LIKE IT...

WHAT'S THE POINT OF LOOKING AT PEOPLE LIKE THAT?

OTHERS

AND YOURSELF.

YOU'RE JUST LOOKING SHALLOWLESSLY AT

ARE REALLY HARD TO DEAL WITH.

PEOPLE LIKE YOU

HUH?

AH,

YES...

BANKER, PLEASE STAND IN PLACE!

EVERYONE, ARE YOU READY?

HAVE BEEN KIND TO YOU, HAVEN'T I?

GOOD LUCK.

AND WHAT I SAID WAS RIGHT, WASN'T IT?

I...

WHAT THE HELL?

WHY DO I HAVE TO BE TOLD SUCH THINGS?

WE WILL RESTART THE GAMBLE!

1 MADARAME BK 10 Bios

2 RYUUSEI 5 Bios

3 MINORU 5 Bios

4 PACHANGA 5 Bios

5 TOBITA 5 Bios

6 MENMA 1 Bios

TOTAL 31 Bios

I'LL FINISH MY TURN AS THE BANKER AND QUIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THIS GAME,

TOTAL 31 Bios

PACHAN-
GA

MADARAME
BK

RYUUSEI

MINORU

TOBITA

MENMA

LET'S BEGIN
WITH YOU,
CHAMP.

OH,
THIS IS
PERFECT.

.....

LIKE
HELL
I'LL
LOSE!

**LOOK
THE
OTHER~**

YOU
FINALLY
CAME...
RYUUSEI.

A BLOODY
OFFERING
FROM YOU!

WAY!

LISTEN UP.

.....

KU...

AND, IN THE FIRST ROUND,

ALL FOUR OF US HAVE TO TURN TOWARDS ALL 4 DIRECTIONS.

ALL FOUR OF US WILL ALWAYS HAVE TO

BET THE EXACT SAME AMOUNT OF BIOS, AND STAND ON THE SAME ROW.

.....

3 OF US WILL BE LEFT AND

THOSE 3 WILL HAVE TO TURN TOWARDS THE DIRECTION THE BANKER POINTED AT IN THE 1ST ROUND.

BUT IT'S OKAY.

ONE OF US WILL LOSE BY DOING THAT.

WAY!

MEANING,

CHOOSING THE "CERTAIN PASS".

THIRD ROUND

USED

AT THAT MOMENT, OUT OF THE REMAINING 3,

IT'S A GUARANTEE.

TWO WILL HAVE A "CERTAIN PASS" IN THE 3RD ROUND.

A "NO WIN-NO LOSS" WILL BE THE MINIMUM OUTCOME.

LOSE

WIN

FROM THERE, THERE WILL BE NO LOSSES ON OUR SIDE.

TAKING THE LOSS INTO ACCOUNT, WE'LL HAVE 2 WINS IN THE END.

IF HE WINS, OUR SIDE WILL HAVE 3 WINS.

THE 3RD GUY IN THE LAST ROUND WILL

DUEL WITH THE BANKER WITH A 50/50 WIN RATE.

WORST OUTCOME IS NO LOSS NO WINS AFTER ALL.

EVEN IF HE LOSES, IT WON'T HURT US AT ALL.

WE CAN NEVER LOSE...
IF WE FOLLOW
THIS STRATEGY.

THIS IS...

AH!!

THE 4 OF THEM IN THE MIDDLE ROW...

.. WAIT?

DON'T TELL ME...

THEY'RE COOPERATING ...?
WAIT...
THIS IS...

OH MY...

NO...
GOOD...

WAY!

WAY!

THEY REALLY ARE COOPERATING...

NO MATTER WHERE I POINT AT...

SHIT...

MY BIOS IS...

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

SLOWLY DRIPPING AWAY!

WIN WIN

LOSE

TWO OF THEM WILL ALWAYS END UP WINNING.

I'LL LOSE BIOS IF I DON'T DEFEAT THE LAST GUY...

WIN WIN WIN

LOSE

I'LL ONLY GET A DRAW AT BEST.



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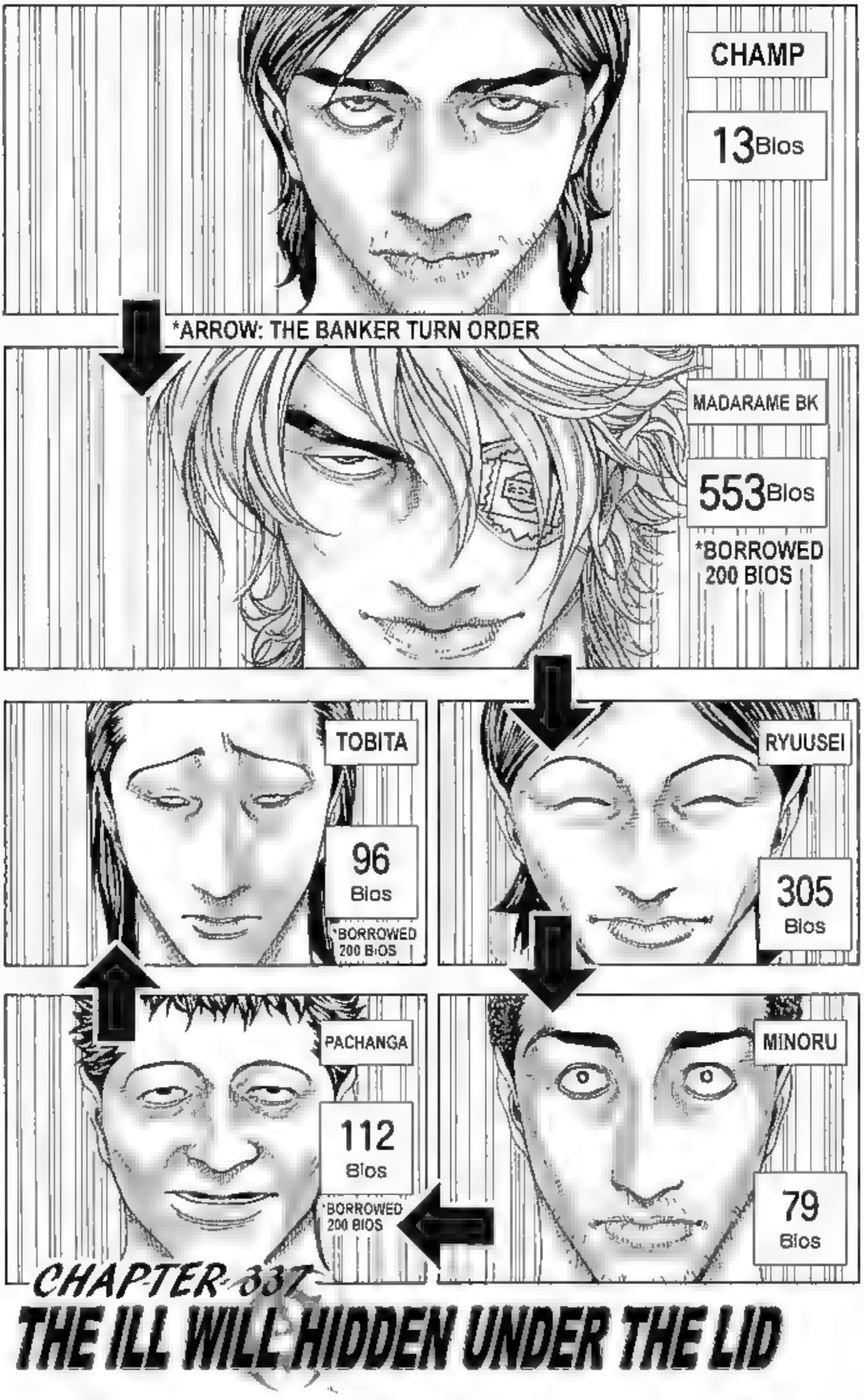
# THE ILL WILL HIDDEN UNDER THE LID

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# THE ILL WILL HIDDEN UNDER THE LID

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING...

THERE'S NO WAY OUT...

NO WAY...

IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN...

AGAIN...

HA...

BUT WATCH IT DECREASE...

SUCH AN UNLUCKY LIFE...

IT HAPPENS EVERY TIME WHEN I THINK THINGS WILL GO WELL.

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT FROM THE BEGINNING.

IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL... IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS...

ALWAYS BEEN

I HAVE

I'M CORRECT ...

DOING MY BEST.

LIVING IN THE CORRECT WAY

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN...

YET ...

I JUST GAVE MY NOTICE OF RESIGNATION.

WANNA HAVE A DRINK BEFORE YOU GO?

YOU WERE MISTAKEN.

CHIEF,

HOWEVER, YOU BLAMED IT ON ME, CHIEF.

THE INCIDENT HAPPENED DUE TO THE OTHER PARTY'S CLUMSY HANDLING.

DROWNING IN MY OWN BITTERNESS.

AND UNCON SCIOUSLY.

IT BEGAN AT THAT MOMENT.

YOU WERE MISTAKEN.

FROM THE WORLD.

I'VE RETREATED

AND KEPT REPEATING AGAIN AND AGAIN.

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN

BURDENED BY OTHERS' ILL WILLS... PILING UP FAILURES...

I WAS AT THE LOWEST SOCIAL RANK.

WITHIN JAPAN'S POPULATION,

IN MY TOWN,

AT HOME,

HOW LAUGHABLE.

I STILL BECAME A SLAVE...

WITH ONLY 1,000 PEOPLE,

EVEN ON THIS ISLAND

TO KEEP BEING A SLAVE LIKE THIS...

CAN I REALLY ACCEPT IT?

SUCH A SHITTY LIFE?

CAN I REALLY ACCEPT,

DAMN SLAVE.

IT'S ALL THE FAULT OF

THE TRAITORS WHO DROVE ME MAD, LOOKING DOWN ON ME.

MAY THE NEXT BANKER COME TAKE HIS PLACE!

DUE TO CHAMP-KUN HAVING NO MORE BIOS, THE BANKER WILL NOW CHANGE!

JUST LIKE CHAMP,

I'LL MAKE...

YOUR LARGE AMOUNT OF BIOS ALL MINE~

FINALLY,

MADARAME~

YOU TOO.

HOW SCARY~

AH~

ARE YOU SERIOUS, CHAMP-KUN?

WHAT?

THE LAST 400 BIOS,

WAS NOT A JOKE.

WHAT I MENTIONED BEFORE

YES...

YOU TWO WILL BORROW THEM, THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

CHA-CHAMP-SAN...

I'M... SO SCARED...

LIKE WALKING ON A LONG ROAD WITH HEAVY BAGGAGE, WITHOUT SHORTCUTS.

*THE LIFE OF A PERSON SHOULD BE

*IT'S A QUOTE BY TOKUGAWA IEYASU.

HA HA BA HA HA HA HA HA

AH... WELL ...

WILL BEAR WITNESS TO YOUR DETERMIN-ATION!

I, IKON JYUUZOU,

I CAN BECOME DEAD DRUNK, HUH.

I CAN SAY "CHEERS", RIGHT?

...WITH THIS,

READY?

IF YOU WIN...

1 CHAMP 200 Bios
2 TRAVOLTA 200 Bios
3 MINORU 20 Bios
4 PACHANGA 20 Bios
TOBITA 20 Bios
RYUUSEI 20 Bios
MENMA 1 Bios
TOTAL 481 Bios

TOTAL 481 Bios

1 CHAMP 200 Bios
TRAVOLTA 200 Bios
MINORU 20 Bios

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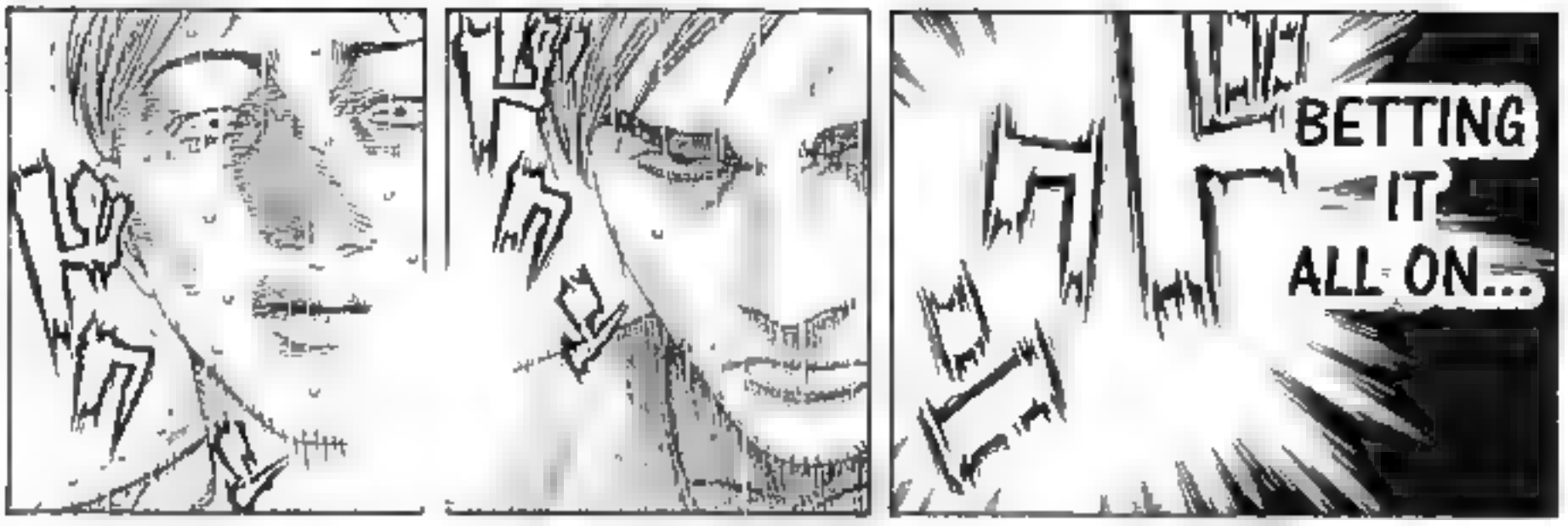

BETTING IT ALL ON...
THERE'S NO 100% GUARANTEE, BUT...
THIS IS A GAMBLE.
.....
ARE YOU REALLY SURE IT WILL WORK?
CHAMP-SAN, ARE...
IT'S HARDER TO TELL WITH ONLY TWO OF US DOING IT,
BUT THERE IS STILL QUITE A CHANCE TO WIN.
FIRST OF ALL,
WE HAVE TO TURN TOWARDS A DIFFERENT DIRECTION FROM EACH OTHER IN THE FIRST ROUND.
IT'S A GAMBLE, TRAVOLTA.
BUT, WE'RE NOT LEAVING IT ALL TO LUCK.
IT'S A ONE SHOT GAMBLE... I HAVE AN IDEA, LISTEN CAREFULLY.
STAYING SLAVES LIKE THIS?
CAN WE REALLY ACCEPT
LET'S ESCAPE IT, THE TWO OF US.
SUCH A LIFE...
WITHOUT BEARING SOME RISK, RIGHT?
WE CAN'T ESCAPE IT

WE BOTH HAVE TO SURVIVE, THIS IS THE FIRST CONDITION.

CONDITION ...

FIRST...

IDIOT...

THIS...

!!

HE'S OUT IN ONE SHOT...

.....

IN ONE SHOT...

HE... BURDENED ME...

WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?

WHY?

THIS... IDIOT...

EVEN IF I... WIN...

IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS...

EVEN THOUGH I'M ALWAYS RIGHT...

IT'S ONLY A DRAW... SHIT...

WITH THIS, EVEN IF I WIN,

I AM...

NOT WRONG...

WE HAD TO...

PASS THE 1ST ROUND...

IT WAS BECAUSE I WAS BURDENED...

IF THIS GUY HAD PASSED THE FIRST ROUND...

CHA...

CHAMP-SAN... CHAMP-SAN.

YOU SHOULD HAVE...

YOU SHOULD HAVE

PASSED IT...

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

YOU WERE MISTAKEN.

BECOMING INFATUATED IN THE SWORD OF JUSTICE I WAS BRANDISHING.

BECOMING ANGRY AT THE CHIEF'S WAY OF DOING THINGS.

IT MADE ME ANGRY TO BE REPRIMANDED IN FRONT OF EVERYONE.

MY JOB WAS REALLY HARD AND STRESSFUL.

WE WERE LIVING SO PEACEFULLY.

I DID IT!

I WON!

BUT YOU...

IT MADE ME FEEL LIKE I'M THE RIGHT PERSON.

...MADE ME FEEL GOOD.

MAKE ALL THE MONEY HIS

ONLY ONE IS ABLE TO

THE STRATEGY WE'RE USING IS ALREADY UNFAIR TO OTHERS

IT'S NO GOOD, RYUUSE!

IT'S JUST BECAUSE

IT'S NO ONE ELSE'S FAULT THAT I ENDED UP HERE.

THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND, PROTOPOROS..... I AM ONE OF THE SLAVES ON THIS ISLAND.

BY DOING THAT, I COULD SIMPLY MOVE ON WITHOUT CONFRONTING MY REAL FEELINGS.

I AM THE WORST.

# CHAPTER 338
# IT'S A GAMBLE, RIGHT?

IT WAS ONLY NATURAL

FOR ME TO

END UP AS A SLAVE.

I'M THE WORST...

TRAVOLTA...

IT'S COMP LETELY A SLAVE S PERSON ALITY .

TRAVOLTA...

THE THINGS I SAY AND THE THINGS I DO,

THE THINGS I BELIEVE AND THE THINGS I THINK,

ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

TRAVOLTA...

TRAVOLTA, LIVE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.

HUH?

THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

SORRY..... I WASN'T ABLE TO BE COOL SAVING YOU, JUST LIKE I DID IN ON-PRO...

WHAT... WHAT ABOUT YOU, CHAMP-SAN...?

RUN AWAY.

I'LL DIVERT HIS ATTENTION... THEN,

BE...

CHAMP... SAN...

CHA...

I WANT TO BE YOUR HERO IN REALITY TOO...

BA HA HA HA.

BEHIND...

I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.

HUH?

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR YOU LATER.

RIGHT NOW GENTLEMEN, YOU ARE HEALTHY AND IN PERFECT SHAPE...

YOU SHOULD THINK THAT THIS WILL BECOME...

YOU'D CURSE...

I BELIEVE YOU'D CURSE YOURSELF AFTERWARDS.

IF, RIGHT NOW,

YOU WERE NOT IN PERFECT SHAPE...

GIVE UP YET.

YOU CANNOT

THE FIGHT ISN'T OVER YET.

DUE TO YOU TRYING TO DO ANYTHING STRANGE.

I DON'T WANT TO DESTROY YOU

MADARAME BKI!

RIGHT.

"RYUUSEI".

WHO'S THE NEXT BANKER AGAIN?

AND THEN "MINORU".

OF COURSE, IT SHOULD END AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER YOU'VE COMPLETED YOUR TURN AS A BANKER... WHAT DO YOU THINK?

IT'S ABOUT THIS GAME'S ENDING.

I WANT TO HEAR YOUR OPINION AS YOU ARE A MEMBER.

AFTER "MINORU" COMPLETES HIS TURN AS A BANKER... OR, AFTER ONE HOUR...

THOSE TWO HAVEN'T BEEN BANKER YET, HUH... THEN, IT SHOULD BE "ADJOURNED" DUE TO A BIOS SHORTAGE, OR...

YOU WON'T ESCAPE BEING A BANKER AS LONG AS I DON'T ALLOW IT... THERE'S NO WAY OUT FOR YOU~

YOU'LL BE BANKRUPT BEFORE THAT...

I SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

TRYING TO BET A LOT DURING MY TIME AS A BANKER, RIGHT?

I HAVE ALREADY PLANNED FOR THAT.

IT WON'T WORK.

LETTING IT END AT 10:45 PM WOULD BE GOOD, WOULDN'T IT?

.....

FIRST, WE NEED SOME BIOS, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A LITTLE...

BIOS.

TRA-VOLTA... IT'S ALRIGHT.

I HAVE AN IDEA.

?

FROM THE MUTUAL FUND AID...

IT'S... THE LOTTERY BAG

THIS IS DANGER OUS.

THAT IDIOT MINORU,

!

……!!

RYUUSEI,

RYUUSEI,

YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF "ANOTHER SECRET" HIDDEN IN IT...

THIS LOTTERY BAG IS DANGEROUS, ISN'T IT?

TRADE SOME BIOS FOR THE BAG.

AH! THE LOTTERY BAG!!

WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE CARE OF IT!? SERIOUSLY...

MINORU,

WHAT HAPPENED, RYUUSEI?

YOU IMBECILE.

I LOST QUITE A BIT OF BIOS THANKS TO YOU... TSK.....

DAMN YOU... CHAMP....

THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE.

LET'S KEEP ON BETTING LOW WITH THE PREVIOUS STRATEGY, AND EARN THE BIOS BACK...

CHA- CHAMP-SAN, THIS IS...

WHAT?

THIS IS OUR COMEBACK, TRAVOLTA.

WE ONLY HAVE 15 BIOS EACH THOUGH.

1 MINORU 50 Bios
2 RYUUSEI 50 Bios
3 PACHANGA 50 Bios
4 TOBITA 50 Bios
5 MENMA 5 Bios
6 TRAVOLTA 2 Bio
7 CHAMP 2 B
TOTAL 209 Bios

SIGH~

KUKU.

.....

HAVE YOU NOTICED IT YET?

UUH... "RYUUSEI", RIGHT?

I'LL KEEP GETTING AT YOU BIT BY BIT.

BUT THAT'S IT...

!

IT SEEMS AMONG THESE PEOPLE, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CALCULATES A BIT FASTER THAN THE OTHERS

YOU CAN'T GO FURTHER.

BUT,

YOU ARE ABLE TO ARRIVE UP TO A CERTAIN CONCLUSION VERY FAST.

THAT YOU'VE MADE

A BIG MISTAKE.

AND, THAT'S AROUND 200 BIOS, RIGHT?

RIGHT NOW, I AM IN POSSESSION OF MORE THAN 900 BIOS.

ORU 50 Bios
MUSEI 50 Bios
CHANGA 50 Bi
TOBITA 50

A FOUR PERSON TEAM, EACH ONE BETTING 50 BIOS EACH GAME?

WHAT DID YOU EXPECT FROM DOING THAT?

PRIDE HAS CLOUDED YOUR JUDGEMENT.

WHAT THE~

IT'S A GIVEN,

.....

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I STAY IN THIS POSITION, WITHOUT POINTING MY FINGER IN ANY DIRECTION AT THE SIGNAL?

REFEREE IKON,

HE WILL BE CHANGED FORCEFULLY.

THE BANKER WILL HAVE TO PAY THE POT AMOUNT TO ALL THE PLAYERS.

WHAT DID YOU SAY WILL HAPPEN WHEN THE BANKER LOSES TO ALL THE PLAYERS?

MEANING, A TOTAL LOSS, RIGHT?

I SAID THAT, IN THE CASE OF THE BANKER LOSING TO ALL THE PLAYERS,

RESIGN BEING THE BANKER IN EXCHANGE FOR 200 BIOS.

MEANING THAT, IN THIS CASE, I AM ABLE TO

WHA... WHAT DID YOU SAAAAAY!?

WHA... WHAAAAAT!?

WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF SUCH A SIMPLE THING?

WITH THIS, MY TURN BEING THE BANKER IS OVER~

ALL...

ALL...

LOOK THE OTHER~

SHIT... MADARAME... MADARAME'S BIOS....

ALL FOR NOTHING...

I WON 400 BIOS JUST NOW~ 200 BIOS IS SO CHEAP~

AHH, GREAT! I WASN'T 100% SURE, I AM GLAD I ASKED, NOW I CAN BE AT EASE.

NOT A BIG DEAL~

WAY!

PLE...

PLEASE...

YOU HAD TO TURN ➡!!

RYUUSEI, ➡!!

DAMN!

SHI... SHIT... I GOT DISTRACTED BY HIS WORDS!

THEY LOST 100 BIOS.

IN ONE INSTANT.

3 LOSSES OUT OF 4.

I DON'T WANT TO WASTE 200 BIOS ANYWAY.

BLUFFING ISN'T ANYTHING RARE, IS IT?

IT'S A BIT SAD TO DO IT, BUT THIS IS A GAMBLE, RIGHT?

IF YOU KEEP ON SAVORING SUCH AN UNSATISFACTORY GAMBLE,

YOU CALL SUCH A NAIVE METHOD "A CERTAIN-WIN STRATEGY"?

DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO RESIGN THE BANKER'S POSI-TION!?

YOU!

HUH?

YEAH, I KINDA THOUGHT ABOUT IT, BUT DECIDED TO GO ON ANYWAY.

嘘吐いた。

RYUUSEI
252Bios

MINORU
51Bios

PACHANGA
180Bios

TOBITA
28Bios

CHAMP
16Bios

TRAVOLTA
17Bios

MENMA
56Bios

YOU'LL NEVER WIN AGAINST ME.

MADARAME BK
1019Bios

SO DON'T YOU SAY ANYTHING!

I KNOW! I KNOW!

I...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RYUUSEI!

THERE'S NO "WHAT", RYUUSEI!

HUH?

WHAT?

I ONLY HAVE 28 LEFT NOW DUE TO THIS INCIDENT.

WELL, OKAY THEN... GIVE ME SOME BIOS THEN.

TAKE THEM FROM PACHANGA.

WHAAAA?

I KNOW, I'LL DO IT... BUT, IT'S STILL TOO EARLY FOR THAT.

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID, RIGHT?

THIS CERTAIN-WIN STRATEGY CAN'T WORK IF WE DON'T SHARE EVERYTHING. THESE BIOS ARE ALL OUR BIOS.

SHIT~ YOU PUSHED YOUR LUCK, MADARAME.

THIS PLAN IS PERFECT AS LONG AS THERE ARE NO MISTAKES, IT'S ALRIGHT.

MY BIOS ARE ALSO THE GUARANTEE AGAINST BETRAYALS... SO IT'S STILL TOO EARLY.

.....

IT'S MORE PROPER TO CALL IT A "NO LOSS STRATEGY" INSTEAD.

JUST AS THE NAME SAYS, THEY DID NOT LOSE.

NO,

CERTAIN-WIN STRATEGY

VS

MADARA-ME BK

LET'S KICK IT OFF.

IT'LL END UP AS AN ETERNAL DRAW

AS LONG AS HE DOES NOT WIN.

?

WIN

WIN

LOSS

IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE "ONE ON ONE" FIGHT...

OF THE LAST GUY.

ONE WILL ALWAYS LOSE.

ALWAYS WIN.

BUT TWO WILL

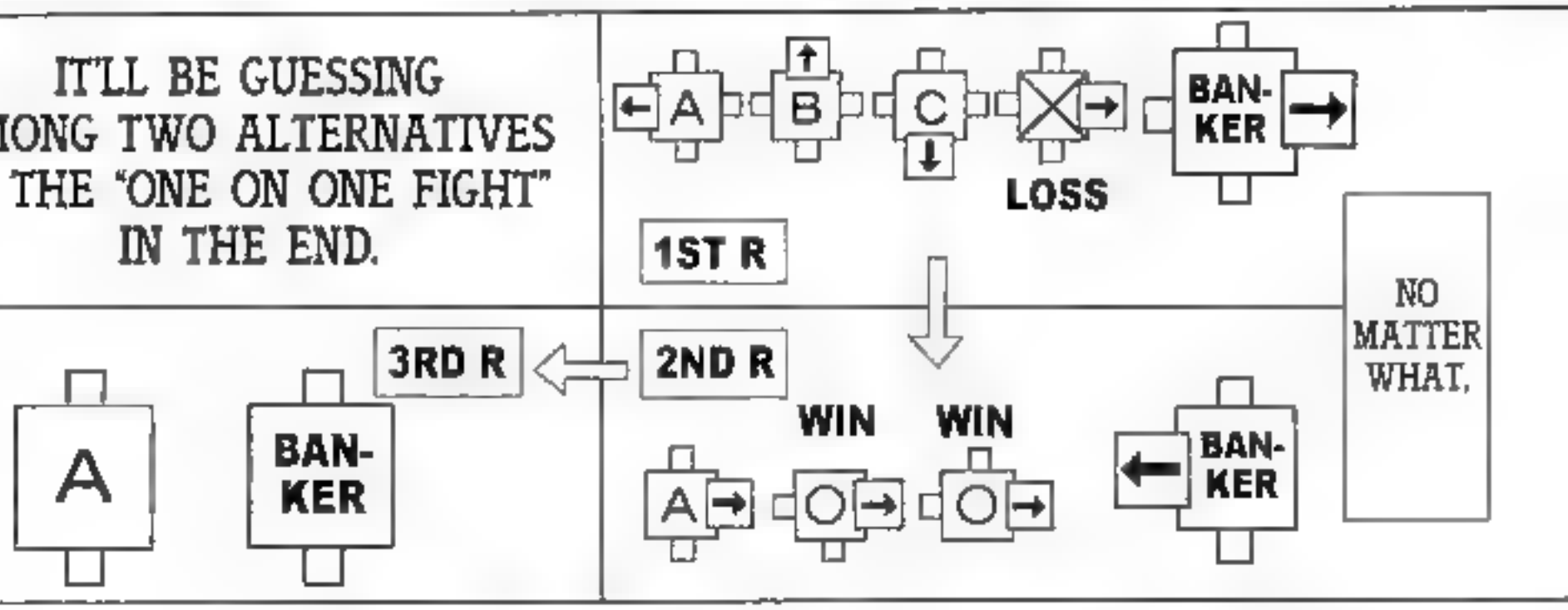
THE PROCESS OF GUESSING BETWEEN THE "CERTAIN PASS" AND "TO DUEL" IN THE 2ND ROUND DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE.

MORE-OVER,

RATHER, IT'S JUST ONE...

FROM THE BANKER'S POINT OF VIEW THIS IS NOT AS MUCH AS 4 PEOPLE HE IS FIGHTING AGAINST...

IT'LL BE GUESSING AMONG TWO ALTERNATIVES IN THE "ONE ON ONE FIGHT" IN THE END.




WITHIN THE TIME PASSING,

SOMEONE NOTICED.

WHA... WHAT?

CHAMP-SAN... WHEN DID YOU...

HE WILL

AS LONG AS THE BANKER DOES NOT LOSE,

BEAR NO LOSSES TOO.

BUT RIGHT NOW, WE ARE

SINCE OUR TEAM HAS ONLY TWO MEN...

IT WAS PRETTY TOUGH...

NOT TWO ANYMORE.

A THIRD PARTY

HAD BEEN BORN.

TRAVOLTA

62Bios

CHAMP

71Bios

MENMA

66Bios

YOU'RE DOOMED...

HAVE YOU REALIZED IT ALREADY? I HAVE...

RYUUSEI, YOU MADE A MISTAKE.

MINORU
101 Bios

TOBITA
178 Bios

PACHANGA
130 Bios

RYUUSEI
102 Bios

SHI...

SHIT...

RYUUSEI
102 Bios

MINORU
101 Bios

TOBITA
178 Bios

PACHANGA
130 Bios

RYUUSEI, DID YOU NOTICE IT?

KU...

IT WAS MANIPULATED BY MADARAME.

BUT THE BIOS WILL FLUCTUATE BETWEEN THE PLAYERS.

4 PLAYERS SHARED TOTAL BIOS

YOUR CERTAIN-WIN STRATEGY... INDEED, THE TOTAL BIOS WILL NOT DIMINISH.

INCREASE TOBITA AND PACHANGA'S BIOS.

IT HAS BEEN MANIPULATED SO THAT YOUR BIOS WERE SENT TO

# CHAPTER 339
# AT THE END OF A FRAIL DETERMINATION

WIN WIN

OUT OF THOSE 3, TWO WILL WIN.

D

IN THIS SITU-ATION,

VS

BAN-KER

AND ONE WILL HAVE A ONE-ON-ONE DUEL WITH THE BANKER.

B C D

ONE PLAYER WILL DEFINITELY LOSE DURING THE FIRST ROUND.

BAN-KER

B C D

3 WILL REMAIN IN THE GAME FOR THE SECOND ROUND.

JUST BY CHOOSING THE DIRECTION THAT PLAYER CHOSE IN THE FIRST ROUND.

B C D

THE BANKER IS ABLE TO DECIDE WHICH ONE OF THE 3 REMAINING PLAYERS WILL BE CHALLENGED.

HE WANTS TO MAKE WIN.

CAN MANIPULATE THE GAME TOWARDS THE TWO PLAYERS

VS WIN WIN

IN OTHER WORDS, THE BANKER

BAN-KER

MAKE YOU LOSE YOUR BIOS INTENTIONALLY.

HE UTILIZED THIS OPPOR-TUNITY TO

WHILE YOU WERE TRYING SO HARD TO DEFEAT MADARAME IN THE ONE-ON-ONE DUEL,

THERE'S NO "WHAT", RYUUSEI!

HUH?

WHAT?

GIVE ME SOME BIOS THEN.

WHY DO YOU THINK HE DID SO, RYUUSEI?

RYUUSEI...

HOW COULD YOU ONLY DECREASE MY BIOS!! SHIT!! MADARAME!! HOW DARE YOU TARGET ME LIKE THIS!! WHY... WHY DIDN'T I...

WHAT A MESS I'VE MADE... WHAT A MISTAKE ...

AFTER I PLAYED DUMB WITH THEM BEFORE?

THIS IS BAD. WILL THESE TWO STILL LEND ME SOME BIOS...

WHY ARE WE AT SUCH A PLACE?

WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE SUCH A SIMPLE THING!!

THE BIOS JUST NOW ...

LENT THEM

IF I HAD

TO ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECTIVES WE SET FOR OUR-SELVES?

WASN'T IT BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE

THE PEOPLE WE WANTED TO BECOME ...

AND

THE THINGS WE WANTED TO DO...

*THE BOOKS IN THE BACKGROUND ARE JOB MAGAZINES.

.....

I STILL HAVE A WAY OUT!!

THEN~

THEN...

MADARAME~ IF YOU'RE GOING TO COME AT ME LIKE THIS,

BUT NEVER ACTED ON OUR WORDS...?

WASN'T IT BECAUSE WE ALWAYS TALKED BIG...

I CAN WIN

WAY!

I CAN WIN LIKE THIS!!

BY NOT FOLLOWING EVERYONE ELSE.

MEANING, HE WILL POINT ⬇ NEXT... THEN...

HE'S TARGE-TING ME!

EVEN IF THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A CERTAIN-WIN STRATEGY,

ALWAYS BEING LIKE THAT... NOT BEING ABLE TO FOLLOW THROUGH THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS UNTIL THE END... WASN'T THAT THE REASON WHY WE ARE HERE?

I CAN...

WE ARE HERE ...

DUE TO THE SLIGHTEST THING.

WE WILL STILL FAIL,

THAT'S WHY

RYUUSEI
2 Bios

TSK

TSK

WIN PACHANGA 230 Bios

LOSS MINORU 1 Bios

LOSS TOBITA 78 Bios

WIN CHAMP 106 Bios

WIN MENMA 96 Bios

WIN TRAVOLTA 97 Bios

WIN MADARAME BK

1009 Bios

THAT'S YOUR FAULT AND RES-PONSIBILITY, ISN'T IT?

YOU LOST BECAUSE YOU DECIDED FOR YOURSELF TO IGNORE THE STRATEGY, RIGHT?

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE THEM BACK TO US, HUH?

BESIDES, WE ALREADY GAVE YOU 100 BIOS EACH ALREADY.

HUH?

BIOS!!

HEY!

FOR THE CERTAIN-WIN STRATEGY, RIGHT!?

IT'S OUR BIOS!!

GIMME SOME BIOS!!

HUH?

LOOK.

OH?

RYUUSEI.

WAIT,

WAIT!

WHA... WHAAAT!?

NICE TIMING FOR YOU, RYUUSEI...

MADARAME HAS GIVEN BACK THE 200 BIOS THE OLD REFEREE HAD LENT HIM.

RYUUSEI.

SHIT!

.....

NOW THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY, HOW ABOUT YOU GO THERE AND BORROW 200 BIOS JUST LIKE US?

GIVE UP. SINCE THAT TIME, DURING THE LOTTERY, YOU HAD ALREADY...

YOU'RE FINISHED.

CHA- CHAMP...

AT THAT TIME.. I...

YOUR FACE...

AT THAT TIME...

I WON'T... FORGET...

SHUT UP!! SHUT UP!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RYUUSEI!?

SCOLD ME~

HOW DARE YOU COME HERE TO~

IT'S OK, MINORU...

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

IT'S JUST AS YOU SAW... WE'RE ALL USELESS...

MADARA-ME BK.

AH...

.....

JUST AS YOU SAID, WE ALL ARE... NO, I AM A WORTHESS DAMN SLAVE... ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO... I REALIZED IT.

IT'S NOTHING MUCH, THAT SORT OF THING HAPPENS FROM TIME TO TIME THERE'S NO REASON TO MAKE A RUCKUS OUT OF NOTHING.

NO WAY...

ARE YOU GOING TO "REPORT" HIM?

JUST AS YOU THOUGHT, RYUUSEI WENT TO BORROW THE 200 BIOS... WELL, HE GOT WHAT HE DESERVED.

MINORU TOLD ME,

AND MINORU ALSO TOLD ME,

IT'S MORE LUCRATIVE FOR YOU TO HAVE THE OTHERS BORROW THE 200 BIOS, AND THEN FOR YOU TO TAKE IT AWAY. YOU'RE QUITE THOROUGH, AREN'T YOU?

I CAN'T LOSE EITHER.

EVEN THOUGH I'M ADMITTING IT.

BY THE WAY, MADARAME... YOU GAVE BACK THE 200 BIOS, RIGHT?

SINCE YOU HAVE A LOT OF BIOS.

ARE YOU READY!?

THAT, IN THE NEXT GAME,

TOBITA AND PACHANGA AGREED TO BET ALL OF THEIR MONEY.

1 RYUUSEI 202 Bios
2 TOBITA 154 Bios
3 PACHANGA 154 Bios
4 CHAMP 106 Bios
5 TRAVOLTA 97 Bios
6 MENMA 95 Bios
7 MINORU 1 Bios
TOTAL 809 Bios

BET ALL OUR BIOS IN THE NEXT GAME.

AND, WE TOO, WILL...

"IF WE ARE ABLE TO PASS THE 1ST ROUND BY ALL TURNING THE SAME DIRECTION TOGETHER, THERE'S A CHANCE THAT WE WILL ALL WIN TOGETHER."

MINORU EXTENDED THE INVITATION TO US.

TO MAKE US THINK IT IS TRUE...

HE DIDN'T EVEN THINK THAT YOU PLANNED IT THAT WAY.

"WE SHOULD TURN EITHER ⬆ OR ⬇ IN THE FIRST ROUND.", HE SAID.

WHY DO YOU THINK I AM TELLING YOU EVERYTHING?

OH...

HOW FOOLISH.

BECAUSE, UNTIL NOW, YOU HAVEN'T POINTED ⬆ OR ⬇ EVEN ONCE DURING THE FIRST ROUND.

SETTLE THINGS WITH YOU.

I WANT TO

ISN'T THIS DEAL SWEET?
.....
IN THE SECOND ROUND,

OUR TEAM WILL PASS THE FIRST ROUND WITH ⬅.

YOU CAN TARGET RYUUSEI'S TEAM WITH ⬆ OR ⬇ IN THE FIRST ROUND.

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY FOR US TO BE SAVED.

THERE'S ONLY A LITTLE TIME LEFT.

I THOUGHT ABOUT IT AGAIN AND AGAIN... THERE'S NO OTHER WAY...

WILL BEGIN FROM THERE.

THE DUEL BE-TWEEN YOU AND ME

WE'LL WIN...

I CAN'T LOSE...

I CAN'T LOSE...

DIFFICULT TO HANDLE BEFORE.

YOU WERE REALLY...

I LIKE YOU BETTER NOW...

...

WHAT-EVER!!

WHEN YOU'RE READY TO GO WITH MY PLAN, AT THAT MOMENT, LET ME KNOW BY

LISTEN, RYUUSEI.

ALL OF US, LET'S UNITE TOGETHER AND SET UP MADARAME!!

HUH?

HITT-ING

ME.

LET'S... END THIS NOW!!

PLEASE, EVERY ONE..

FOLLOW CHAMP-SAN'S PLAN .. NO. FOLLOW CHAMP-SAN!

CHAMP-SAN.

WANTED I TO WIN AGAINST MADARAME, AND HAVE EVERYONE TELL YOU HOW "AWESOME" YOU WERE, RIGHT?

I HAVE NEVER DIRECTLY LOOKED AT

NOR OTHERS.

MY-SELF,

RYUUSEI, YOU SIMPLY

I WAS THINKING "IS THAT WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE...?"

I REALIZED THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I LOOKED AT YOU RIGHT IN THE EYES.

I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING AT ALL.

WHEN YOU BETRAYED ME, AT THAT MOMENT,

WHEN I SAW YOUR FACE,

EVERY-ONE!! LET'S ALL WIN TOGE-THER!!

IF WE WIN, EVERY-ONE WILL BE SAVED!!

IN ONE UNITED DIREC-TION, THREE TIMES IN A ROW.

LET'S START AGAIN FROM ZERO.

MADARAME BK BUG BROS

VS

SLAVES BUG BROS

THE REAL CHALLENGE WILL COME AFTER THAT!!

...THIS CHALLENGE!!

MADARAME WILL EITHER GO ↑ OR ↓ IN THE FIRST ROUND... IF HE TRIES TO TARGET ME, HE'LL POINT ←. SO, LET'S ALL TURN → IN THE FIRST ROUND!!

WE'LL WIN...

WAY!

YOU

FINALLY.

ARE A BIG LIAR, AREN'T YOU?

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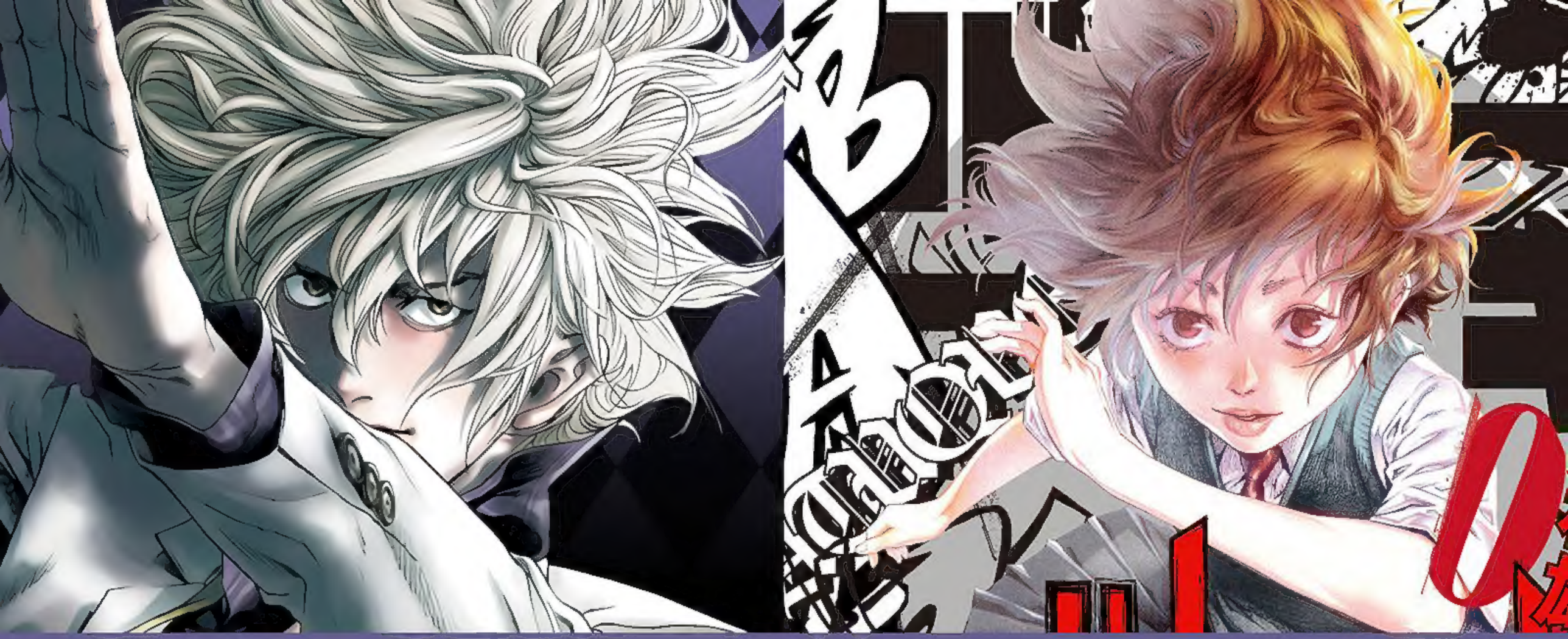

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# PRIVATE FUNERAL DIVISION

USOGUI SIDE STORY

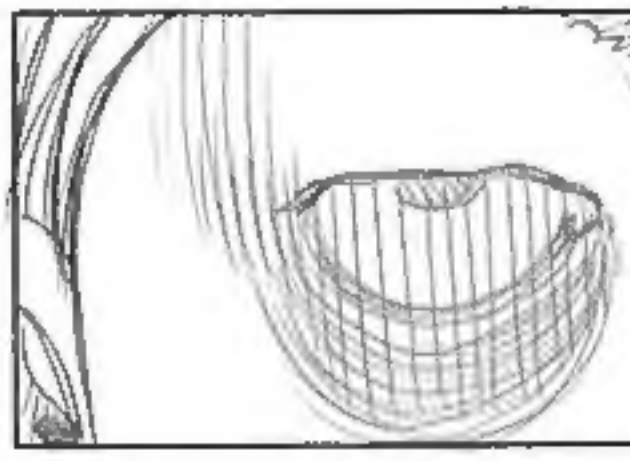
THOSE DARK CIRCLES UNDER HIS EYES, NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT'S THE PROOF OF HIS HARD WORK TOWARDS HIS GOAL...

COMMISSIONER, KUROSAWA HAJIME.

IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE GOOD CITIZENS,

IN ORDER TO BURY THE EVIL THAT THE LAW CAN'T CONTAIN,

KUROSAWA HAJIME FOUNDED THIS ORGANIZATION,



HIS EYES SAY IT ALL.

THE BASTARDS WHO COMMITTED EVEN BIGGER CRIMES AFTER THEY GOT OUT OF THE CAN.

VILLAINS, CRIMINALS... THE TRASH THAT HAVE BEEN COMMITTING ALL KINDS OF CRIME WHILE EVADING THE LAW.

THE PRIVATE FUNERAL DIVISION...

...WHICH ASSEMBLES A BUNCH OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTERS IN THE DARKNESS,

I KNOW NOTHING.

"MEN"?

PRIVATE FUNERAL DIVISION

NO EVIL CAN SURVIVE.

ONCE THESE MEN'S EYES HAVE BEEN SET,

THE STORY OF THE AIR CRASH ON THAT ISLAND.

THE STORY ABOUT THE BLACK SUITS.

I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY.

WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE OF YOURS?

I'M A WOMAN, YOU KNOW?

...

YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE STORY WHICH HAD BEEN RELEASED UNTIL THE VOLUME BEFORE THE LAST, RIGHT?

HOW CHILDISH. I GOT IT... BEFORE THE NEXT VOLUME, LET ME THINK ABOUT WHETHER I SHOULD CONTINUE THAT STORY.

...

THERE ARE LOTS OF HARDSHIPS IN THIS WORLD.

YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF IT SINCE YOU'RE A GROWN UP.

BURY THE EVILS... TO BE CONTINUED.